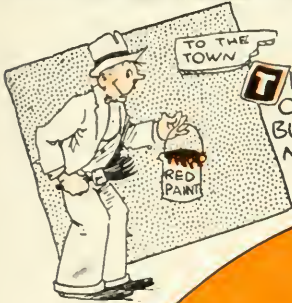


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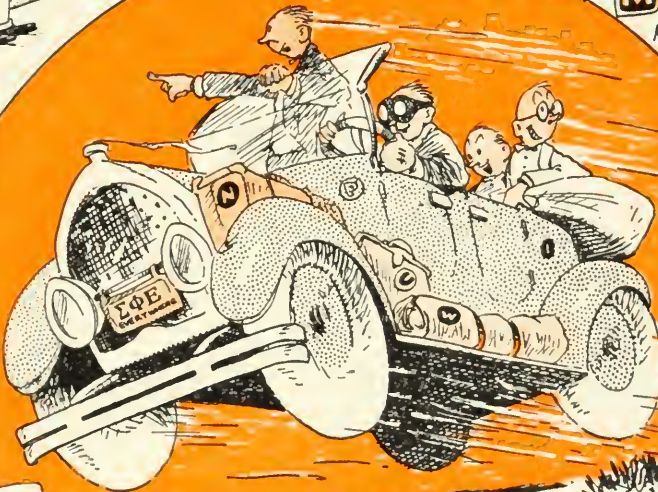
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D.K. BRYANT
NEER,
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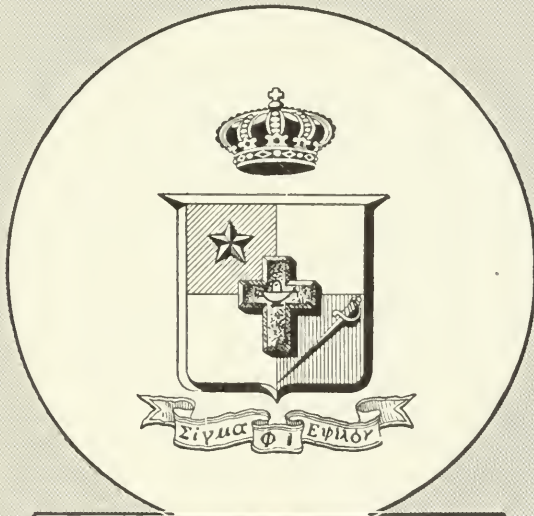
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The Conclave the Next Big Event on Fraternity Program



BEFORE the next issue of the JOURNAL makes its appearance the Thirteenth Conclave of Sigma Phi Epsilon will have passed into fraternity history. The forthcoming Conclave, celebrating Sigma Phi Epsilon's quarter-century milestone is set for August 25th to 28th, inclusive, at Richmond, Virginia, the fraternity's birthplace, and preparations are being made for a meeting of Sig Eps somewhat out of the ordinary as Conclaves go.

Held in its proper time the Thirteenth Conclave would have been held in 1925 but by a vote of the Twelfth Conclave at Columbus, Ohio, the usual biennial period between Conclaves was extended to three years so that Sigma Phi Epsilon could celebrate its silver anniversary with a jubilee Conclave surpassing any such meeting in its history. Once before, during war times, the fraternity allowed three years to elapse between its conventions.

The Silver Jubilee Conclave will be largely attended by alumni and the date has been fixed to meet their convenience and to coincide with the usual vacation time. It will be the first Conclave since the early years of the fraternity at which attendants will be given the opportunity to meet all of the founders of the brotherhood who are still living. One of the six founders, Benjamin D. Gaw, is no longer living but the other five will be at the Conclave as the honor "guests" and will there be presented with tokens of the appreciation of the organizations.

The four days at Richmond will be four joyous days for all who are present if plans of the Richmond Alumni Chapter are carried out. Some interesting events are on the business program and the entertainment features are the most elaborate yet undertaken at any Conclave. It should amply repay any alumnus to follow the suggestion carried in the Conclave slogan—"Make the Conclave Your Vacation."

Where the James goes Rolling by

BY HORACE A. WRIGHT

*Richmond Alumni
Chapter*



*Capital building
and grounds
at Richmond*

THE slogan of every Sig Ep in the country today should be "RICHMOND - CONCLAVE - VACATION - AUGUST!" Why? Because the Richmond Alumni Chapter wants every loyal heart to rejoice with them upon the occasion of the Thirteenth Biennial Grand Chapter Conclave; to enjoy the famous hospitality of the old South; to live and learn to love for four grand and glorious days in Richmond, the capital of the Confederacy. The dates—oh, yes, August 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th, 1926.

Come on, brothers; let's banish the old thirteenth hoodoo by making the thirteenth Conclave the best and biggest ever! Mark the dates on your calendar right now; and when the time comes, pack your grips and sail into Richmond, the birthplace of Sigma Phi Epsilon, where a warm and hearty welcome awaits every wearer of the Heart.

It is no idle boast that Richmond, located on its seven majestic hills,

"where the James goes rolling by," is one of the most historic cities in the country.

Upon the soils of Virginia have been shed the blood of the heroes of two wars; scarcely more than fifty years ago the city of Richmond lay a blackened, devastated, fire-stricken mass. Today massive structures rear themselves high in the air; thriving industries abound; handsome homes occupy its beautiful streets, and its two hundred thousand inhabitants bask in a climate unequalled in life, health, and happiness.

The church in which Patrick Henry made his famous speech, "Give me liberty or give me death" has been the mecca of tourists for countless years. It is situated on one of the seven hills, overlooking the majestic James River. Close by is old Libby Prison which housed Union prisoners during the war between the states.

Monument Avenue, containing statutes of J. E. B. Stuart, R. E. Lee,



Jefferson Davis, and Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson, is considered by many one of the most beautiful streets in the South. Grace Street, while lacking the beauty of Monument Avenue, is of interest because it terminates in the beautiful Capitol Square where are found the Capitol building, the state office building, and statues of every prominent Virginian of days gone by; men such as George Washington, Henry Clay, and other famous Virginians who shaped the destinies of the nation during and following the Revolutionary War.

In the west wing of the Capitol Building will be found Houdan's statue of Washington, the most perfect in the world. This building is in itself an object of pride and historic interest as it dates back more than one hundred years, the only new part in this time having been a new wing to replace one which was totally destroyed by fire.

Among Richmond's points of Confederate interest are the Valentine Museum, the Old Soldiers' Home, and the Battle Abbey. Of the latter a word or two must be said. Erected beside the Old Soldiers' Home, of white granite, and dedicated to those who gave their lives to the "Lost Cause," it stands as an enduring mark of respect and love to a generation passing all too soon. This building contains relics of the war between the states as well as a collection of paintings known as the "John Barton Payne Collection" valued at something over one hundred thousand dollars. One room is devoted to a series of paintings known as the "Seasons." It is the work of a Frenchman who, after having sketched all four paintings and completed one, obeyed the calls to arms of his mother country in 1914, serving valiently throughout. Upon his return to this country, he resumed his work at the Battle Abbey; but not until after he had

brushed out every bit of the work he had done on the mural paintings. He began again, painting through the eyes of one who had actually experienced war, and one who knew Sherman was right.

In and around Richmond are to be found numerous parks and playgrounds. The city owns and maintains one tract containing hundreds of acres known as Byrd Park (named after the founder of Richmond, William Byrd) which is the pride of every resident of the city. Its well kept lawns, its beautiful lakes, and its gorgeous flower beds are indeed wonderful sights to behold. And yet in

The Boulevard—longest row of Linden trees outside of Berlin



this same tract one has but a short ways to walk before finding oneself in the midst of a veritable forest with its attendant creatures of the wild,

babbling brooks, and clear springs. These are just a few of the interesting facts about Richmond which we outline now. The rest can be told only in a volume of some length. We



Monument Avenue, with statues of Stuart, Lee, Davis and Jackson

Center—One time home of General Lee

have endeavored to show you how very interesting a visit to this grand old city would be. All that we have not told you we can show you when you come to the Conclave.

We pass now to points surrounding the city,—places of interest to those who contemplate motor-ing to the Conclave. Immediately surrounding Richmond

are the oldest breastworks, marked by granite markers, which defended the capital of the Confederacy during the trying days of the war between the

states. Those motoring in from the south and southeast will pass through Petersburg, a city of great historical interest in itself. Here is located old Blanford Church, one of the earliest in this country. A short distance from Petersburg is the Crater, a great hole in the earth caused by the premature explosion of a mine infending the city. The Unionists tunneled in under the Confederate lines and planted a charge calculated to annihilate the entire Rebel force; but for some

*St. John's Church,
where Patrick Henry
made his speech*



*Hollywood Cemetery,
the resting place of
two Presidents,
Monroe and Tyler*

unknown reason it exploded before the Rebels arrived and before the Unionists could retire and hundreds of them were blown into atoms. The road leading from Petersburg to Richmond is virtually the one over which Lee's forces retreated to Richmond just prior to the intensive drive by the North which resulted in the fall and capture of Richmond.

Those coming in from the west, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, will pass through sections of the famous Valley of Virginia, part of which is to become the Shenandoah National Park. This section is famous the world over for its apples. Here one finds such scenic wonders as Luray Caverns, Endless Caverns, and Nat-

ural Bridge. On one of the highest peaks of the Blue Ridge Mountains can be seen the solid white marble home erected by the late Major Dooley, of Richmond. Across the

ridge from this stands "Royal Orchards," the brown granite mansion of Mr. Frederick W. Scott, a prominent Richmond banker.

Passing on down the mountain, overlooking Rockfish Valley, one of the most beautiful in the Blue Ridge Mountains, one soon reaches Charlottesville. Here is found the University of Virginia, whose graduates en-

circle the globe, home of Virginia Eta chapter. A trip around the campus to see the room of Edgar Allen Poe, the famous Rotunda, and the serpentine wall said to have been erected by Thomas Jefferson to guide his wayward footsteps to his room in the wee sma' hours of the morning, is time well spent. Overlooking the town and to the east of it is Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson.

Down the valley from Staunton about forty miles is Lexington, Va., home of two seats of learning, Washington and Lee University and Virginia Military Institute. The former has sent men of learning and genius to the four corners of the earth, while the latter has turned out many of the country's best military men. The former is the home of Virginia Epsilon chapter, the latter a non-fraternity institution but at one time boasting a chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon. It is at Washington and Lee that General Robert E. Lee, beloved of all the nation, and a military genius, served as president. Here is located, in an ancient little chapel, the recumbent statue of Lee, done by Edward Valentine, of Richmond. It is said by one who knew Lee intimately and served with him on the field of battle, that he had many times seen General Lee asleep in just the position which Valentine caught him, and that the reproduction was just short of a miracle.

Those coming in from the north will pass through the "Wilderness" where some of the most fierce fighting of the war of secession took place; also where the great Stonewall Jackson, the man whose military tactics were copied in the World War, met his death at the hands of one of his own sentries, who mistook the general for an enemy.

Those motoring in from the west by way of Roanoke, Va., will have

the pleasure of passing through Appamattox, where General Lee surrendered, his cause a lost one, his heart torn for his devastated, beloved Southland, but withal a gladness in his heart that again there would be a union of states which would forge in years to come the links of the greatest chain of states in existence. Of Lee's farewell address to his loyal followers I will say little except to recommend that it be read, whether you be Yankee or Rebel. It is recorded that scarcely a man in that remnant of an army which had started with such high hopes and had met defeat at the hands of a superior force, who did not shed unashamed tears at the parting with their beloved leader; and scarcely one who did not kiss his hand, his boot, his hat, or some portion of his habiliments in humble acknowledgment of their love for the "South's most beloved character."

From Newport News and Norfolk one passes through historic Williamsburg, one of the oldest towns in the country. Here is located the College of William and Mary, chartered more than two hundred years ago and named for the rulers of England at the time it was chartered, King William and Queen Mary. At this college is Virginia Delta chapter. Seven miles from Williamsburg in a southerly direction, is Jamestown, the first English settlement, established by Captain John Smith in 1607. A few miles from Williamsburg in the opposite direction is Yorktown, where Cornwallis surrendered to General Washington, thus marking the close of the greatest struggle for liberty ever commenced. Approaching Richmond on this same highway, one passes through Seven Pines, so named because of seven majestic pines which rear high in the air at this point. This was the scene of the most bitterly contested engagements between the

North and South, and it is said that more Unionists would have been saved had there been more than seven trees.

Sixteen miles north of Richmond, on the Washington highway, is Ashland, a very small town but not too small to embrace Randolph-Macon College, another very old Virginia school and the home of Virginia Zeta chapter.

The University of Richmond, located a few miles west of Richmond, occupies approximately three hundred acres of the most picturesquely beautiful land in or around Richmond. Its many modern and handsome buildings, surrounded by tall swaying pines, its rolling hills and deep ravines, the ten acre lake separating the college for girls from the boys' school, constitute one of the most ideal sites in all America for a seat of learning. It is here we find Virginia Alpha

Chapter, familiarly known as the Mother Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon."

It is to this city of beautiful traditions, glorious history, and high ideals that all brothers are urged to come and spend four delightful days in August of 1926. You will be more than repaid for your visit to this city and state which played such a prominent part in shaping the destinies of these grand old United States!

To both our country and our fraternity Virginia is significant. It has written rich history for both. It holds forth to you a hand of welcome to view the scenes that have been of vital import to both institutions and perhaps under no other circumstances could it be seen with so much enjoyment as well as advantage.



Confederate Memorial Institute or Battle Abbey, at Richmond, Virginia



“**RICHMOND**—The Gateway to the South!” Elsewhere in this JOURNAL you have read or sketched Historical Richmond; now a word or two about this “gateway,” industrially.

Richmond is advantageously situated at the head of tidewater on the James, shipping much of its wares by water straight to the ports of Norfolk and Newport News where it is reloaded to ocean-going vessels. Six railroads serve the city: the Atlantic Coast Line; the Seaboard Air Line; the Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac; the Norfolk and Western; Chesapeake and Ohio, and the Southern System. In speaking of the railroads, it is interesting to note that Richmond is the only place in the world where three railroads intersect at different levels. The Chesapeake and Ohio stands on top on the longest continuous steel viaduct in the world; the Seaboard runs immediately under it on a trestle, and the Southern takes the street level.

Richmond boasts the largest paper blotting manufacturing plant in the

Industrial

BY RODNEY C. BERRY

world. Its tobacco interests are immense, standing third in the world. The oldest mica plant in the world is here. The American Locomotive Works are sending engines all over the world. The Richmond Cedar Works are the largest makers of wooden ware in the world. The city has approximately 2,050 manufacturing plants with a total capital of about \$50,000,000, and their annual sales amount to more than \$100,000,000.

The Federal Reserve Bank of the Twelfth District, which comprises Virginia, West Virginia, North and South Carolina, Maryland, and the District of Columbia, being located here is proof of the city's advantages. Two recent bank mergers have given the city two of the strongest banks in the south, one of about \$30,000,000 assets and the other between \$35,000,000 and \$40,000,000. The post-



Richmond

Richmond Alumni Chapter

office receipts for the month of March alone exceeded \$202,000.

The climate is very desirable, and the city has the lowest death rate of any "registration city" in the United States. Richmond has been free from epidemics, excepting the influenza epidemic of 1918, which ravaged the entire country. The water supply is obtained by a most modern chemical settling basin and is very pure. A very handsome and modern pumping station has recently been completed to give a high pressure throughout the city and to the several skyscrapers dotting the city's skyline.

The schools of the city are of high order, compulsory education being enforced. University of Richmond, Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Mechanics' Institute, Massie's Business College, Smithdeal Business College, and several preparatory schools

of high standing are located here. The hospitals of the city are among the best and most noted in the south, three very handsome new ones having been completed within the past few years.

Richmond prides itself on the many modern and up-to-date churches, the costs of which mount into the millions.

The annual building program of the city entails a cost of approximately ten million dollars. Splendid apartment houses and office buildings are being completed monthly.

Another year will see Richmond the proud possessor of a commodious concrete stadium, which with the athletic field at the University of Richmond, will give the city ample opportunity to stage the best athletic events in the south.

Richmond, having been the first city south of the Mason-Dixon line to have a telephone exchange, today enjoys the best telephone service in the country, where the old manual type of switchboard is still being used. Rumor has it that we will soon enjoy

the advantages of an automatic exchange, the present plans of the local company tentatively contemplating the erection of a large office building which will be installed an "automatic."

On Clay street, Richmond, the first successful electric trolley was operated, the city banishing the old horse car years before any other city in the United States.



*Broad Street in
Richmond, Virginia*

Today it enjoys excellent trolley service both in the heart of the city and in the suburban districts.

The five modern, up-to-date hotels, Murphy's Hotel, Richmond Hotel, Rueger's Hotel, the William Byrd Hotel, and the Jefferson Hotel, are among the South's finest, catering annually to thousands of people. These hotels accommodate an average of three conventions a year, as Richmond is a leading convention city. The Jefferson, which will be Conclave headquarters, is famed throughout the

country, being considered among the most beautiful in the South.

The Life Insurance Company of Virginia, a Richmond institution, has its headquarters here, as well as the Atlantic Life Insurance Company. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad general offices and shops are here and employ more than five hundred persons.

This, briefly, is industrial Richmond. Only a visit to the city can convince the reader of its commercial possibilities, and the progressiveness of its 200,000 or more population. Conclave attendants will be given the opportunity to survey Richmond,

*Three Railroad
Crossings*



the industrial "gateway" of the South, and see for themselves the city that it is. Do not neglect the opportunity of taking the sight-seeing tour of Richmond and its environs on the program of entertainment at the Conclave.

It will not only be worth while seeing, but there will also be considerable pleasure in the process.



Exterior View of Jefferson Hotel—Conclave Headquarters



Main Dining Room of the Jefferson Hotel



THE observations of the writer have shown him that nearly all conventions held in Richmond are successful. It is a convention city. Therefore, it is no idle prophecy that the Thirteenth Grand Chapter Conclave of Sigma Phi Epsilon will rival, if not out-do, any of its predecessors. Such is the aim of the brothers here in Richmond; and to this end the alumni chapter has been hard at work on the plans for several weeks.

Arrangements have been made at the Jefferson Hotel, Conclave headquarters, to take care of as many as well take advantage of this golden opportunity to see "ole Virginny." We need only know now just what train to meet or what time to expect you, for of course you are coming. All the brothers will be here.

The committee which is endeavoring to stage the "biggest and best" Conclave consists of such nationally known (fraternally speaking) figures as "Billy" Phillips, "Chick" Woodward, and Frank Louthan. Others

Conclave

BY HORACE A. WRIGHT

on the committee are R. B. Gayle, H. A. Wright, R. J. Fahl, G. A. C. Jennings, T. L. Howard, G. E. Sachers, R. C. Berry, T. B. Pearman, C. B. Jones, F. W. Colona, and J. C. Bristow.

Our chairman of entertainment, T. L. (Jack) Howard has promised us something good in the way of entertainment. His "ducks" aren't quite in a row yet; but he requested me to say that his tentative plans included a golf tournament, an auto sight-seeing trip, a good old Brunswick stew, Virginia style, down on "Billy" Phillips farm, followed by informal dancing, a big banquet, and a formal ball.

Speaking of this formal ball, I want to tell you fellows who have no wives that you need not worry, as Richmond



*Old Dominion Orchestra
which will entertain
Conclave attendants*

Program

Richmond Alumni Chapter

has some mighty pretty, attractive girls. And there will be plenty for all; so you will not have to "stag" at the dance. Another feature of the formal ball will be good music furnished by the Old Dominion Orchestra, an excellent organization, under the management of a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Arrangements are being made to broadcast a Sigma Phi Epsilon program from radio station WRVA, Larus Brothers Tobacco Company, some time in July or early August. You will be notified later just what night to "tune in." On the program will be some of our ablest speakers, a few good singers, and the Old Dominion Orchestra has promised us a program of good jazz. Be sure you hear the program as it is going to be

well worth the time spent. WRVA is a thousand watt station operating on a wave length of 256 meters.

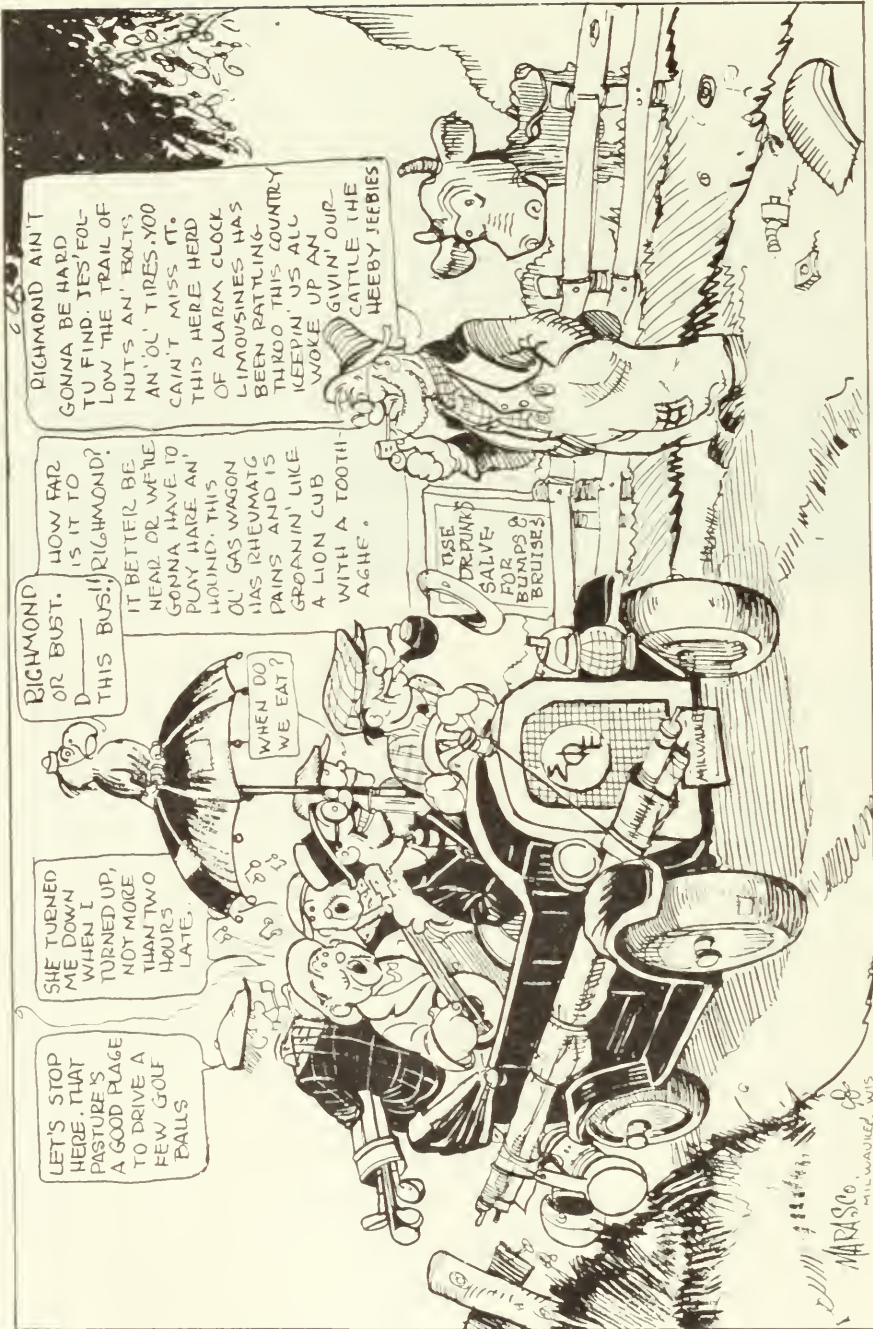
Remember, brothers, the biggest disappointment that you did not come to Richmond is not going to be ours. Naturally, we want a big turn-out. But you are going to be vastly disappointed when you talk to some brother after the Conclave and he tells you what a wonderful time he had. Then you will realize what you missed and want to kick yourself. So make your plans now to enjoy

your vacation and the Conclave at the same time, and let the other fellow have the regrets

The Richmond alumni chapter extends you a hearty welcome and offers a gilt-edged bond of "four days of health, joy, and happiness as principal" and "interest payable each time you think of a Conclave!"

One of the important events of each Conclave is the election of officers. The nominating committee, appointed by the Grand President, has made its survey of the talent offered by the fraternity and will soon make its recommendations which will be acted upon at the Conclave after three months or more of consideration.

Some very able members are under consideration by the nominating committee—Sig Eps who have not only qualified by their past work for the fraternity but who have distinguished achievement to their credit in the world of affairs. It is safe to say that the officers to be selected in August will be of unusual standing.



FRANK MARASCO, IOWA GAMMA, CONTEMPLATES THE CONCLAVE

Train Fares to Richmond, Virginia

BELOW is given a schedule of train fares from various points in the United States to Richmond, Virginia. Conclave attendants should note that these are one-way fares and that in purchasing a ticket they should take a *convention receipt* which, upon validation at the Conclave, will entitle them to a half-fare return ticket. This is conditioned, however, upon a sufficient number of Conclave attendants taking such receipts, so do not fail to secure the proper receipt from your ticket agent.

To Richmond from—	Fare
Boston, Mass.	\$ 21.50
New York, N. Y.	12.34
Syracuse, N. Y.	18.54
Ithaca, N. Y.	16.32
Buffalo, N. Y.	19.91
Pittsburgh, Pa.	15.10
Philadelphia, Pa.	9.10
Morgantown, W. Va.	14.72
Columbus, O.	20.37
Ada, O.	23.97
Indianapolis, Ind.	24.85
Detroit, Mich.	25.75
Chicago, Ill.	30.51

Champaign, Ill.	29.11
Milwaukee, Wis.	33.57
Madison, Wis.	35.19
Minneapolis, Minn.	45.17
Ames, Ia.	42.55
Iowa City, Ia.	39.05
Kansas City, Mo.	43.32
St. Louis, Mo.	35.33
Fayetteville, Ark.	42.75
Little Rock, Ark.	36.84
Memphis, Tenn.	31.87
Knoxville, Tenn.	17.32
New Orleans, La.	36.95
Auburn, Ala.	23.74
Birmingham, Ala.	25.55
Atlanta, Ga.	19.55
Jacksonville, Fla.	26.73
Miami, Fla.	37.38
Lincoln, Nebr.	50.71
Omaha, Nebr.	48.38
Lawrence, Kan.	44.75
Stillwater, Okla.	59.43
Tulsa, Okla.	51.02
Denver, Colo.	66.08
Missoula, Mont.	88.41
Salt Lake, Utah.	84.20
Berkeley, Calif.	104.09
Corvallis, Ore.	107.94
Seattle, Wash.	107.94
Pullman, Wash.	103.15
Albuquerque, N. M.	82.08

Richmond Sig Eps to Broadcast Program

STATION WRVA, wave length 256 meters. That is the formula for radio fans of the fraternity by which they may enjoy a program made up exclusively of Sig Ep talent and learn the last-minute plans for the Silver Jubilee Conclave to be held in Richmond August 25th to 28th. All that is lacking in necessary information at this time is the date which will be announced later, but present plans fix it about the first of August.

Richmond Sig Eps are assured of the use of the 1,000-watt station owned by Larus Brothers Tobacco Company and they have already ar-

ranged a tentative program consisting of songs, addresses and some vitalizing jazz from the Old Dominion Orchestra, the organization that is to furnish the music for the Conclave formal ball.

The date of the WRVA Sig Ep program will be announced by means of the newspaper radio programs and notices will be mailed to fraternity organizations within a reasonable radius of Richmond. Summer static will probably bar many listeners but the district with perhaps our heaviest fraternity population will be able to get the Richmond program.



Sigma Phi Epsilon Club
RICHMOND

BILLY PHILLIPS' FARM, "EASTBURY," AND SOME OF HIS FRIENDS PICNICKING

Billy Phillips Prepares the "Fahm"

IF you are a hard-speaking Yankee without thought or more for the musical shades of English pronunciation you don't appreciate the word "fahm" as it rolls off Billy Phillips' tongue. When you mobilize your pronouncing facilities you wrinkle up your nose, throw your nasal cavities into gear and inject a venomous "R" into it that transforms it into the word "faRm." You probably don't appreciate the harmony that a Virginian can breathe into the word and it is a certainty that, until you see it, you can't appreciate the beauty and attraction those walnut-wooded acres of Billy's snuggling close to the majestic James River—the scene of one of the Conclave events of more than passing importance.

The "fahm"—and in Sig Epdom that means nothing other than "East-bury," the Phillips estate some twenty miles out of Richmond—will be the scene of Conclave capers for one afternoon and evening. It is an attractive spot and has many a time afforded the Richmond Alumni Chapter and its feminine contingent a delightful picnic. There is an abundance of deep shade. The river lays a mile in width before the attractive bungalow

built by Billy and a boat house and landing place down at river level provides a taking-off place for boaters and swimmers. The house is of ample proportions and will afford plenty of space for the informal dance that is to climax the outing after a true "Virginny" feed has been disposed of. The long living room of the bungalow opens upon a spacious sleeping porch both of which are to be cleared and made available for the dance.

During the summer Billy and "Aunt Molly," his better half, live down at "Eastbury" and drive into Richmond each day. As this is written they are about to take up their residence there for the ensuing months and they will see that everything is ready for the Conclave event when August arrives. The picnic will be one of the very enjoyable occasions of the Conclave and if you should miss it—but, then, you won't if you are within driving or walking distance of Richmond or can raise the car fare. Think of it! An attractive country place, a beautiful vista, associations such as only the fraternity can afford, a flock of femininity such as only "Ole Virginny" can furnish, good music, moonlight . . . Say, what do you want for your money?

National Speakers Sought for the Conclave

THE Richmond Alumni Chapter is planning to present as a part of the program of the Silver Jubilee Conclave one or two nationally known figures who will address the delegates and visitors at the August meeting of Sig Eps. The committee in charge is in correspondence with several persons but due to the fact that the Conclave is more than three months dis-

tance and those who tentatively plan to attend cannot yet definitely commit themselves, no announcement of speakers will be made until shortly before the Conclave convenes. The most that the committee will divulge at this time is that at least one of those whom they expect to attend is one of the leading orators of the country.

The Virginia Girl: An Appreciation by the Editor

THE Conclave offers its many attractions, some of which are mentioned in this magazine by other writers. They point to a picnic, a sight-seeing tour, a banquet, an informal dance, a formal ball, a golf tournament and such incidents. I plead for a hearing in behalf of an attraction that, lest I say the words, will pass unnoticed, its just praises unsung. I ask you, in considering the attractions of Richmond and the Conclave, not to overlook that attraction without compare: the Virginia girl.

Take from a Conclave its human contacts and it would be a spiritual husk. Take from its human contacts the thrill that accompanies one's touch with a dazzling array of femininity and it would be a total loss. The truth is that you can't have a Conclave, a successful Conclave, without the presence of the deadlier of the species.

In Richmond they've got 'em. Take it from a hardened Conclave attendant: they've got 'em. Perhaps its the salubrious climate; maybe a tradition has something to do with it; possibly Virginian discrimination in favor of all that is best tells the story. Be the reason what it may, you must have the emotional organization of a mousetrap not to thrill at the sight of a collection of Richmond's sweet young things at a social affair.

Pulchritude? Did I understand you to say, "Pulchritude?" Listen, reader, let's me and you (with apologies to Ring Lardner) have an understanding about this thing which is what you inquire about and is uppermost on what I laughingly calls my mind. If they is gals anywheres that is easy to look at and has face and

figger beauty why the same is these Virginia misses. In the language of another neat job, when better women are built Virginia will build 'em.

And that is far from all. To get the most enjoyment from a dainty Virginia miss, I recommend that you turn her loose on a good sized piece of language. That soft southern accent with its shades and nuances of inflection is like a balm to a calloused northern ear accustomed to hearing the mother tongue subjected to varied barbarities of usage. There is nothing to compare with it. If you are of the opinion that conversation is conversation and no more, go to Richmond and learn that under the proper conditions conversation is music—and no less. If you have the scientific spirit and a taste for research you will leave the South with a collection of colloquialisms including "you-all," "caint," "right smart" and the like that will form a considerable basis for your philological studies. And you will leave completely convinced of the uselessness of retaining the letter "R" in the alphabet and probably in favor of its official elimination. As a matter of fact, what I am getting at is that the Virginia miss, with her natural resources and with her talents mobilized and trained upon one of the so-called sterner sex, is no less than irresistible.

There will be a carefully selected and assorted crowd of Virginia beauties reserved for Conclave use. When you arrive at Richmond and register in you will be asked, "Blonde or brunette? Tall or short? Careful or careless?" With this questionnaire properly answered the matter will be

referred to Chick Woodward, chairman of the committee on wonderful women, and all you need then do is wait for results. Have no fears. Chick Woodward as a connoisseur of feminine beauty is the thanwhichest of all I know.

As I said above, there are many attractions promised at the Conclave that amply justify your attendance. But of all of them—well, consider my client, the Virginia girl, in whose behalf, although I need not do so, I plead.

Founders of Fraternity to Attend Conclave

OF interest to those intending to attend the Conclave is the plan of the Richmond Alumni Chapter to invite the living founders of the fraternity to attend the Conclave as its guests. The majority of the members of the fraternity have at some time met one of the founders, Grand Secretary William L. Phillips, but few have had any contact with the remaining four now living. One of the

original six founders, Benjamin D. Gaw, died some years ago.

Those, besides Grand Secretary Phillips, who are expected to attend the Conclave are Carter Ashton Jenkins, William Hugh Carter, William Andrew Wallace and Thomas Temple Wright. An appreciation for their work in creating Sigma Phi Epsilon is to be tendered the founders according to the plan of the committee

"Prithee, Timisthones, define to me the meaning of the word 'biology.'"

"Methinks, Alisander, it is the science of shopping."—*Dartmouth Jack o' Lantern.*



Ball Room of the Jefferson Hotel

Honor Chapters

Alabama Alpha Vermont Beta
Iowa Alpha Washington Beta
Florida Alpha Oregon Alpha
West Virginia Beta



HONOR Chapters, the fraternity expresses to you its gratitude for the honors you have attained. To excel in scholarship is an accomplishment second to none. The honors you have won tell the thoughtful member of the fraternity that yours are organizations with fine internal discipline, with intelligent and able personnel and with a proper perspective of what is of value in college life.

We look to you, Honor Chapters, as leaders in the work of the fraternity. You have proved yourselves capable of accomplishment; you have attained to the most difficult goal ahead of the chapters of our fraternity; you have demonstrated that you are doers, not wishers. You have the qualities which we demand in our leaders and as such we look to you for chapter leadership in the year to come. We are proud of the honors you have earned. We are proud of your standing in your respective schools. We are proud of the general activity of each of you upon respective campuses but, especially, are we proud of that quality of scholarship you have shown that lifts you from commonplace mediocrity to the distinction of high intellectual attainment. Be assured, Honor Chapters, that you have the gratitude of the entire fraternity.

Sig Ep Sets Collegiate Record for Consecutive Victories



COACHING the basketball team of the Peru State Normal School of Peru, Nebraska, Lon R. Graf, Nebraska Alpha, has tutored his team through fifty-five consecutive victories to the college "marathon" record for wins. Sad to relate, in the last game of the present season his team was humbled by Nebraska Wesleyan and his record will remain at fifty-five consecutive victories.

Year after year Graf's athletes have annexed the basketball championship of the Nebraska College Conference and his team has been marked for defeat for the past two or three seasons but escaped victorious until the end of this year. His football teams have been nearly as successful but an occasional loss marred his record.

The basketball record was already under way when Graf went to the Peru school in the fall of 1923 as coach of athletics, although the previous football record had been disastrous. In 1923 Graf's football team came into its own and won eight out of nine games played, being runner-up in the conference. In 1924 it lost none and took the championship and in 1925 dropped one game to become

runner-up. During this time Peru totaled 539 points to its opponents' seventy-four.

The lone basketball game lost by Peru in recent years was a heart-breaker from the point of view of all Peru followers. Peru had previously decisively defeated Wesleyan but personal fouls charged to Peru's star forwards had disqualified them from the game, cutting down the offensive. This added to two mid-court shots of the opponents in the closing minutes of play enabled the Methodists to take a 2-point victory from the Grafmen.

Lon R. Graf received his training in athletics at the University of Nebraska. He has also attended the football training school of Knute Rockne, famous Notre Dame mentor, for two sum-



LON R. GRAF
NEBRASKA ALPHA

mer sessions and employs the noted Rockne style of play. Graf was an attendant at the Richmond Conclave in 1916 and has since remained a most interested member of the fraternity, seldom failing to attend reunions of his chapter. His coaching success has brought him several offers from other institutions and while, at the time this is written he has made no decision, he may not continue at Peru.



Six Times in the Same Place

BY J. FRANCIS NEIDE
Delaware Alpha



DO NOT be misled by the title. It was not lighting; merely a photographer. Recently a photographer, who possessed not only picture-taking ability but also the instinct of an artist, the courage of a steeplejack, the persistence of a book agent, the qualifications of a lion-tamer, and the humor of a Cervantes, paid a visit to the chapter house of Delaware Alpha. He took six "shots" and escaped.

On the opposite page are reproductions of his work, art, or whatever you will. The backgrounds are *bona fide*; the characters are true to life; the time good.

Reproduction the first shows a carefully selected group of casual representatives of the chapter painstakingly arranged in nonchalant attitudes. You will notice that two of the subjects are smiling and that one is asleep. The picture might, perhaps, have been more realistic if all had been asleep.

In this group there are—if you will take our word for it—two former football captains, nine members of the football squad, a track captain, two members of the track squad, manager of the swimming team, two members of the swimming squad, manager of football, captain of basketball, two members of the basketball squad, a member of the *Review* staff, president of the chapter, and the highest ranking student in the university. Of course the whole membership of the chapter is not present.

Besides those represented in the picture, Delaware Alpha boasts of having a few other officers, among which are manager of the basketball team, captain of the swimming team,

the entire relay team of the swimming squad, all of the letter men on the swimming squad, captain-elect of football, captain-elect of swimming, and most of the student officers in the R. O. T. C. unit.

However, the picture furnishes conclusive evidence of the truth of the ancient *bon mot* that you cannot always judge a man from his looks.

Passing on rapidly to photograph number 2, we behold two Sig Eps studying (?). This picture, we think, speaks for itself. It might be interesting for the stranger to know that there is not a single thing in this particular study room—to which, incidentally, the writer feels a peculiar attachment—that has not a story to it. Even the duck suspended on a cord from the ceiling has its tale and that is by no means a pun.

The third picture, which depicts a thrilling game of bridge being played in the trophy room, is, without doubt, the most characteristic of the series. The fact that no one is standing was no accident; it would have been an accident of anyone had been.

The fourth photograph is of the meeting room, about which we dare to make no flippant comments.

The fifth of the series is merely the corner of another study. Again we see a couple of "campus sheiks" in a pseudo pursuit of "higher learning." However, we feel confident that the initiated will not be fooled. From the appearance of the walls in this room, one might easily mistake this for the trophy room—and it is, of a certain variety.

Take a look at the sixth one and permit us to conclude this illustrated tour of Delaware Alpha before it degenerates into a bedtime story.

The End of the Plastic Age

By JONATHAN EDWARDS, 6TH



ROTHE looked up suddenly as Ben slammed the door. "Just coming in off a date?" queried the interrupted student, turning back to the huge red volume he had been reading.

"Yep," answered Ben shortly. There was a pause. Rothe turned over a page with a slight rustle. Suddenly Ben burst out: "Aw hell, Rothe, what's it all about anyhow? What is life? What is civilization? What are morals? What does one owe to society, and what to one's self? What is conscience? And why haven't I a conscience? That's the whole trouble: I no longer seem to have what is commonly called a conscience. My ethical instinct, to employ professorial jargon, appears to have ceased to function."

Rothe looked up from his book for the second time, and a certain light glowed for an instant in his eyes and then quickly faded away. But he did not turn back to his reading this time.

Ben went on: "Why, Rothe, right and wrong are synonyms as far as I am concerned. All that college has done for me is to have made me a cynic and to have destroyed what little moral sensibilities that I had when I came here. And, by God, Rothe, I don't want it that way!" Ben stopped, lighted a cigarette with a hand that trembled, and sat down on the floor. Rothe did not permit himself the smile which struggled vainly to brighten his print-wearied eyes.

"Well, Ben, start at the beginning. Who was she, and what, how, when, where and why?" asked Rothe, swinging himself around and hanging both legs over the arm of his chair.

"Aw hell, what's the use?" came from Ben in a cloud of cigarette smoke. Rothe waited.

"Have a drink?" offered Ben directly, pulling a silver flask from one of his hip pockets. Without a word, Rothe reached for the flask, took a long drink, and passed it back to Ben, who followed his classmate's example and then returned the flask to his pocket.

"It's this way, Rothe," Ben began, "I had a date tonight with a damn good-looking kid. She hasn't been around much and she's rather dumb, but she wanted to appear as if she was hep to everything. And so she kept talking about getting a thrill, wild college men, and so on, springing a few risqué jokes which she had probably picked up from some of these so-called college humorous publications. And all the while she'd interrupt herself with nervous little giggles. So I naturally thought—well, what anybody else would have thought." Rothe nodded an agreement, and reached back to his desk for a pipe. Ben pulled a pillow from the armchair at his left and put it behind his head. A fitful wind rustled among the few remaining dead leaves outside. The radiator sang loudly a monotonous whistling solo.

"Yes?" Rothe gave a lead.

"I say, Rothe, turn that shade around, will you; that light shines right in my eyes," requested Ben. Rothe obligingly adjusted the shade on his desk-lamp. His chum coughed and then went on:

"I'm only human, Rothe, and—well, you know to be rendered harmless a fire should be put out as soon as it starts and—well, we were damn poor fire fighters."

THE clock in the tower of Manse Hall boomed three times. Ben shivered; then he continued his story.

"I feel no regret, only a slight tinge of cynical disgust with the animal in me and a hate for the power that put the animal there. I know that I should feel remorse, should be filled with a sense of shame and guilt, but I just don't give a damn. I want to care, and I can't.

"Rothe, what's wrong? Is this thing called a soul something that can be so easily lost? Does it need careful cultivation if it is going, not merely to grow, but even to live? Is one's conscience an unstable and changing affair? Or is the whole creed of morality an artificial institution, a sort of safety device for society and nothing more?

"Here I am," Ben spoke bitterly, "wishing I could feel sorry, and all that I can do is to recall the girl's passionate little 'ohs' and 'ahs' and feel a great desire to laugh. Rothe, for God's sake, what has become of my soul? Why don't I care? Why don't things matter? Why Rothe," declared Ben with his voice becoming strangely hoarse, "the way that I feel

right now the only use I have for God is as a prefix for damn."

The radiator's unwearied song was the only sound in the room. Rothe swung his feet to the floor and then answered Ben in a hopeless voice.

"Ben, old man, I don't know the answer, but I understand the feeling. Only early this fall—but what's the use—it's the same old story. Let's hit the mattress."

"I don't think I'll go just yet," Ben returned. "I'm going to do a little reading. I feel better for having gotten this off my chest, though." Ben arose from his seat on the floor. Rothe switched off the light. Both went out into the hallway.

The clock in the tower of Manse Hall struck four times—four deep notes that desecrated the virginal silence of the campus with a sepulchral music.

In a room down the hall with his head cradled in his arms, Ben was asleep. On the desk beside his head was the silver flask, now empty. The boy twitched nervously and mumbled incoherently in his slumber.

In the distance a train roared through the darkness.

New Alumni Association at Louisville



MEMBERS of Sigma Phi Epsilon in and about Louisville, Kentucky, have formed themselves into an alumni association under the name of the Falls Cities Alumni Association and have completed plans for an organization with an active future. Not only Sig Eps resident in Louisville are eligible for membership in the newly formed association but also those living in the southern part of Indiana.

Those present at the first meeting of the association in January were: L. M. Gardner, B. R. Lewis, J. C. Lewis, G. R. Popp, Jr., T. R. Stauf,

C. W. Vogt and E. J. Wotawa, all of Louisville; H. A. Baldauf of Laconia, Indiana; J. F. Voigt of Jeffersonville, Indiana, and J. L. Thompson of New Albany, Indiana. G. R. Popp, Jr., was elected president and the secretary is Theo. R. Stauf, 335 Eastern Parkway, Louisville.

The association will meet monthly on call of an entertainment committee to be appointed at each meeting. The aims of the organization are stated to be the advancement of the interests of Sigma Phi Epsilon, the promotion of unified social activities, and the ultimate establishment of an alumni chapter.

Head of International "Eating" Society a Sig Ep

ROTARY CLUB set the pace. Kiwanis followed suit and now one, among others, of the noted "eating" clubs finding an outlet for the energies of the modern active business man is the International Federation of Cosmopolitan Clubs. All of which would be of no particular interest to JOURNAL readers were it not for the fact that a Sig Ep in the person of Vernon D. Andrews, Nebraska Alpha, is the president of the International Federation of Cosmopolitan Clubs.

But that isn't all. This man Andrews has more activities than a graduating senior with a flair for honorary organizations. How any one person may successfully conduct a business—as he most assuredly does—and maintain a connection with, and devote time to, as many organizations as does this particular Sig Ep, is difficult to understand. But he gets away with it. In addition, he always has time for something else, time for a chat with a friend and time for his family.

Looking back a good many years we find Andrews, then bearing the moniker "Swede," in the role of founder of Nebraska Alpha. He it

was, associated with two or three other live spirits, who conceived the idea of starting a new fraternity on the University of Nebraska campus and of getting an affiliation with some national organization. Evidencing some of that bubbling energy that

has never deserted him "Swede" and his cohorts, soon interested a substantial group and brought into being a local organization known as Kappa Tau Epsilon. Contributing the money to purchase furnishings, renting a chapter house and annexing enough pledges to give a sizable working group was the matter of but a few weeks effort and Kappa Tau Epsilon became a fact, to be absorbed as a chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon April 15, 1911. Naturally, Andrews became one of the charter members.



VERNON D. ANDREWS
NEBRASKA ALPHA

So much for his fraternity life as an active member, for within a year or so thereafter he left school to enter business and his chief activity has been as an alumnus. In the latter capacity he has always been an interested worker in the affairs of his chapter. For years he counseled with chapter officers in their work. At the time a new house was to be purchased he took an active part in handling the

deal and for some years he has served as a member of the board of trustees of the Nebraska Alumni Association, the financial affairs of which are under trust management.

But this has been a small part of his activity. Andrews is by business a banker, having for a good many years served as president of the Farmers State Bank of College View, one of the suburbs of Lincoln, Nebraska. His proximity to the latter city has enabled him to serve as president of the Lincoln Cosmopolitan Club. He is also president of the College View Community Club and a member of numerous other organizations such as the Masonic lodge, Scottish Rite, Shrine, and Elks.

Aside from his fraternity interests Andrews has two particular hobbies. One is the raising of pure-bred Jersey cattle—a laudable enterprise. You are not supposed to laugh when told that his other hobby is handling racing dogs. You may think that a dawg is a dawg—but from Andrews you may learn of your error.

Andrews lives on the outskirts of College View where his beautiful residence is backed by a stretch of rolling fields that afford pasture and green stuff in season for his herd of blooded Jerseys. His is a small farm pushed up against a city and he takes no little pride in posing as a farmer. His Jersey cattle are exhibited at the leading fairs in his section of the country and for the past two years in particular he has won a string of prizes with them, of which any cattleman might be proud.

In connection with his cattle raising he has maintained an active interest in organizations devoted to that business. He is vice-president of the Nebraska Jersey Breeders Association, secretary and treasurer of the Lancaster-Seward Counties Cow Testing As-

sociation, and a member of the board of directors of both the Nebraska Dairymen's Association and the Southwest Jersey Breeders Association. His farm is known as "Hillcrest Farm" and has the largest Jersey herd in the state of Nebraska. The milk produced on his farm is sold under the name of the "Hillcrest Dairies,"—another enterprise that he fosters.

And now the dawgs. For a great many years he has been a devotee of *das hund*. It is therefore not surprising that at various times he has served as officer of the National Coursing Association which sponsors dog races. Now a member of the executive committee of that organization he has in the past served as president, vice-president, secretary, editor of the *Coursing News*, official publication of the organization, and keeper of the greyhound stud book of the association.

Each summer and fall finds him in attendance at coursing meets where he has entered his pack of hungry looking hounds and he is generally "within the money." His winnings on the hounds just serves to pay the expense of their maintenance but he insists he gets thousands of dollars worth of entertainment out of it.

Andrews will pass out of office this summer as president of the International Federation of Cosmopolitan Clubs as well as president of the Lincoln chapter. He will begin to feel, probably, as if he had nothing left to do. Here is a suggestion for fraternity executives: find some tough job within the fraternity and get Andrews started on it. He refuses to grow discouraged; maybe he is the logical person to undertake the job of arousing to life that rather considerable number of our apparently deceased alumni. If not he can always find an outlet for his activities in the dawgs.

Proving Chapters Do Not Give Their Support to the Journal

By E. H. QUALLS
Tennessee Alpha



THE frequent delinquency of chapters in contributing chapter news articles has prompted an inquiry into the extent the various chapters of the fraternity meet the requirements of the JOURNAL. The writer has taken fourteen issues of the JOURNAL beginning in May, 1922, and including the November, 1925, issue. This includes all issues during that period except the November, 1922, issue which was not available at the time. From these issues has been compiled the number of delinquencies of the various chapters and their respective percentages of delinquency. For this purpose the very recently installed chapters are not considered.

It is worthy of note that but two chapters have maintained a perfect record in contributing chapter news articles. Neither Delaware Alpha nor Tennessee Alpha have missed an issue which speaks well of the internal organization of these chapters. The chapters leading in delinquency are

Vermont Alpha and Colorado Delta with a fifty per cent delinquency, each followed rather closely by a number of chapters, including Oklahoma Alpha, Colorado Alpha and North Carolina Gamma.

The chapters have been averaged by the district and it is found that the second and fifth districts lead with 14.3 per cent of delinquency—the lowest indicated. The seventh district has the highest percentage of delinquency, no chapter in that district having less than 35.7 per cent with an average for all of 37.5. It should be remembered that these figures relate to only chapter news articles. A glance through past issues of the JOURNAL will show that even less support has been given the JOURNAL in material presented toward the front of the magazine.

A statistical table follows, presented chiefly so that alumni may observe to what extent fraternity work has been disregarded by the chapters of which they are members.

COMPARISON OF DELINQUENT CHAPTER LETTERS

Dist. No.	Name of Chapter	No. of Chapter Letters Due	No. of Chapter Letters Delinquent	Percent Delinquent
1	Vermont Alpha	14	7	50
	New Hampshire Alpha.....	14	2	14.3
	Massachusetts Alpha	14	2	14.3
				Average 26.2
2	Delaware Alpha	14	0	00.0
	West Virginia Beta.....	14	3	21.4
	Pennsylvania Delta	14	2	14.3
	Pennsylvania Eta	14	2	14.3
	Pennsylvania Epsilon	14	2	14.3
	New York Alpha.....	14	2	14.3
	New York Beta.....	14	1	7.1
	Michigan Alpha	14	4	28.6
				Average 14.3

COMPARISON OF DELINQUENT CHAPTER LETTERS—(Continued)

Dist. No.	Name of Chapter	No. of Chapter Letters Due	No. of Chapter Letters Delinquent	Percent Delinquent
3	District of Columbia Alpha.....	14	1	7.1
	Virginia Alpha	14	3	21.4
	Virginia Delta	14	3	21.4
	Virginia Epsilon	14	1	7.1
	Virginia Zeta	14	3	21.4
	Virginia Eta	14	3	21.4
	North Carolina Beta	14	2	14.3
	North Carolina Gamma	14	6	42.8
	North Carolina Delta	14	5	35.7
Average				21.4
4	Ohio Alpha	14	5	35.7
	Ohio Epsilon	14	4	28.6
	Ohio Gamma	14	3	21.4
	Indiana Alpha	14	5	35.7
	Illinois Alpha	14	3	21.4
Average				28.6
5	Georgia Alpha	14	4	28.6
	Alabama Alpha	14	2	14.3
	Tennessee Alpha	14	0	00.0
Average				14.3
6	Iowa Alpha	14	4	28.6
	Iowa Beta	14	2	14.3
	Iowa Gamma	14	5	35.7
	Minnesota Alpha	14	4	28.6
	Wisconsin Alpha	14	2	14.3
	Wisconsin Beta	14	1	7.1
	Nebraska Alpha	14	1	7.1
Average				19.4
7	Kansas Alpha	14	5	35.7
	Kansas Beta	14	5	35.7
	Kansas Gamma	10	4	40.0
	Missouri Alpha	14	5	35.7
	Arkansas Alpha	14	5	35.7
	Oklahoma Alpha	14	6	42.8
Average				37.5
8	Colorado Alpha	14	6	42.8
	Colorado Beta	14	5	35.7
	Colorado Gamma	14	3	21.4
	Colorado Delta	10	5	50.0
Average				36.5
9	Washington Alpha	14	4	28.6
	Washington Beta	14	4	28.6
	Montana Alpha	14	3	21.4
	Oregon Alpha	14	5	35.7
Average				28.6
10	California Alpha	14	5	35.7

Average Percent for the Fraternity.....25%

Alumni Association *Has* Been Organized at Los Angeles



THE difficulties of effecting an alumni organization in a very large city, particularly in one of the newer cities, can scarcely be appreciated by those residing in the smaller cities. Los Angeles Sig Eps are now going through the process. It is a movement that has been on foot for months but it has taken much time, endless correspondence and unflagging efforts to locate and secure contracts with Sig Eps in that city unknown to other members.

The Los Angeles Alumni Association is now a reality with Ralph E. Edwards, Vermont Alpha, 3835½ South Flower Drive, president; and B. C. Harter, Kansas Beta, is secretary-treasurer, with T. W. McIntosh, Vermont Alpha, vice officer to serve in either of the offices in the absence of the incumbent. A number of monthly meetings have been held,

each larger than the preceding, and the organization gives promise of being a flourishing addition to the activities of the fraternity.

The program of the association calls for monthly dinners and meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P. M. at the City Club, 833 South Spring street. Weekly luncheons are also held on Fridays at Herbert's Cafe, 749 South Hill street. For the benefit of those desiring to get in touch with the officers it might be mentioned that the telephone numbers of the officers are as follows: R. E. Edwards, TUCKER 0163; B. C. Harter, TUCKER 1121; T. W. McIntosh, TUCKER 0219. A call to any one of these officers will put a traveling Sig Ep in Los Angeles in touch with fraternity activities. The organization will appreciate having reported to its officers the names and addresses of any Sig Eps residing in Los Angeles.

Charter Granted at the University of Oregon

THE petition of Kappa Delta Phi, a local fraternity at the University of Oregon, has received the favorable vote of the Executive Committee and all chapters in the Ninth district and it will be chartered as Oregon Beta on May 22nd. The installation is to be made by Grand Historian Clifford B. Scott, Grand Secretary W. L. Phillips being unable to make the trip because of the demands upon his time at the Central Office.

Initiation of members of the local fraternity into Sigma Phi Epsilon will begin May 20th and installation ceremonies will be concluded two days

later with a banquet and formal installation ball. An initiation team from Oregon Alpha at Oregon Agricultural College will attend and handle most of the initiatory work.

The new chapter, Sigma Phi Epsilon's fifty-fourth, has been petitioning for several years. It has been using the Sigma Phi Epsilon Plan of Finance with the Portland Alumni Association as its controlling body and enters the fraternity as the owner of its chapter house. Details of the installation will appear in the September issue of the JOURNAL.

California Alpha Takes a Holiday

BY SPENCER BENBOW
California Alpha



THE HOUSE turned out some thirty or forty strong, with a sprinkling of guests, alumni, and rushees, for a tug ride on San Francisco bay, Sunday, March 28. The water was fairly calm and the little tug "Elf" chugged along at a good rate of speed. Some of the boys watched the scenery, some played the national pastime, bridge, others read the papers: a few rolled the dominoes.

About 11 o'clock, the skipper beached the boat in Paradise Grove, camping ground and bathing beach de luxe. The swimming was fine and the ball game better. The lunch tasted good, and the coffee looked good, but someone forgot the cups. Killing time was the afternoon occu-

pation. Two other houses were out on a spree that afternoon and we had plenty of fun. Also, some girls' camping club had a picnic nearby.

The sea was pretty choppy on the way home, but a running fight with a rival tug was staged, using rotten apples and old onions for ammunition. I believe we were victorious. The train officials housed us in a private car on the way to Berkeley. Everyone acted like a bunch of kids until we pulled in at 5:30.

If you've ever been on a tug ride or any other kind of a holiday get-together party, you'll agree with us that it's the best thing in the world to create fraternity spirit and general good will. We hope for many more just like this one.

Eastman Presents Golf Trophy

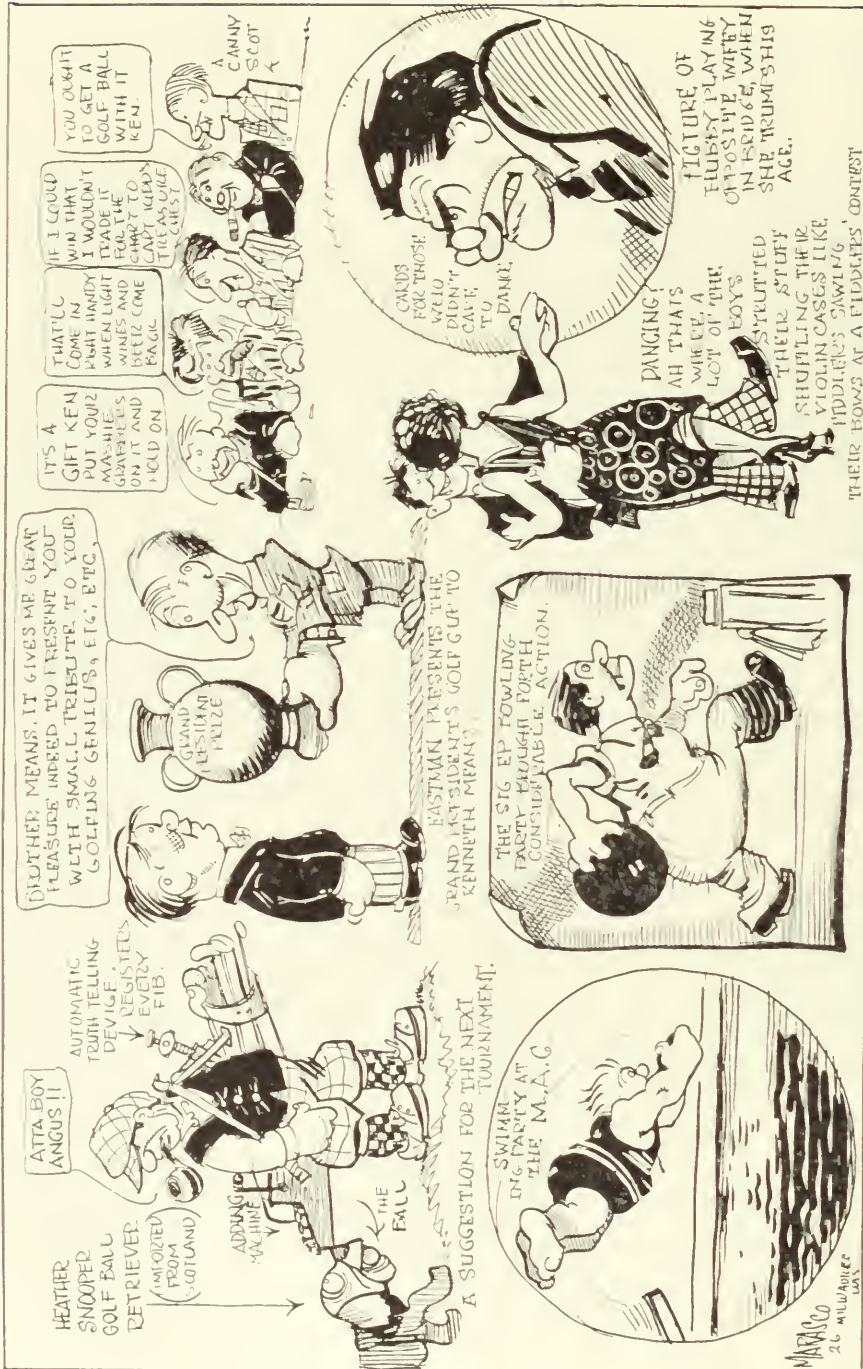
BY HERMAN SMITH
Wisconsin Alpha




MILWAUKEE Alumni chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon should be the envy of all other alumni chapters for it has as its founder and one of its most enthusiastic members our Grand President, Whitney H. Eastman. One of the examples of enthusiasm with which "Easty" is credited is his awarding as a handicap prize in the annual golf tournament of local alumni the Eastman Golf Trophy. This is a handsome silver loving cup, probably the first to be offered by a national president to any Greek-letter alumni group. (Receiving no immediate denial of this statement this distinction

will be claimed by Milwaukee Alumni chapter until refuted.)


That competition for this prize runs high is proved by the fact that it originally was a low-score trophy but the frantic protests of the chapter that a large number could never hope to possess it brought about the agreement to offer the cup yearly in the annual handicap tournament. Ken Means, the real worry to chapter golfers, is the envied possessor of the cup this year. There has been plenty of putting on the carpet this winter and if Means hopes to capture the cup another year, he will find some veteran putters to eclipse. The 1926 tournament promises to draw more entries.



REVIEW OF MILWAUKEE ALUMNI CHAPTER ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR AS SEEN BY FRANK MARASCO, IOWA GAMMA



WHAT THEY THINK *and* WHY



EDUCATING FOR COWARDICE

IN Welland Hendrick's "A Joysome History of Education," the author defines "the ideal education" as "such a course of instruction as will leave a man just as sensible as he would be without it." I laughed the first time I read that. But not the second time.

Now, before I actually get started upon my work of *destruction*, I want to remind those who happen to read this that Truth is seldom agreeable to those who have been accustomed to the nipple of half-truth. In other words, do not hurl this little magazine back on the table in disgust, and consider me a damn fool with a dictionary-complex. Try to remember that this is not so much an attack on present day higher education as it is a plea for civilization. Look over the courses in intellectual deception conducted in your college; then draw your own conclusions.

The general result of the American college education is to produce graduates who meet the unpleasant facts of life with indifference or else who do not meet them at all. The college graduate as a general rule is one who is afraid to face facts. The rich men and politicians, who exercise a great hidden influence on the colleges, see to it that the youth does not acquire ideals in college which will impel him to investigate the graft that goes on, the industrial and political wrongs practiced upon the so-called Common People, which, if the college stood for

courage and the college man was properly educated, would sooner or later be attacked and eliminated.

The college man is taught, by the example of his instructors, not to look too closely in the shadows. He must consider what harm might come of it and how he might bring about a cut in the appropriation of the legislature or the transfer of part of the endowment to another college. Not only is that attitude displayed in such matters, but it enters into the classroom business. A student will not dare to tell an instructor what is really wrong with the course for fear of endangering his grade. Everywhere on the campus hypocrisy is encouraged.

If the college newspaper editor tells the truth about the state of athletics at his college, he is "kicked out." Only recently, I was told about an undergraduate editor who refused to print an article, with which he admitted he was in accord, because he said that after graduation when he started job-hunting the dean might "hold it against him" and not give him a recommendation.

We hear a lot about the discipline of education and its vital place in educational institutions. That is an example of how it works. The discipline of education is rightly the discipline self-imposed by experience. In any other sense it is foolish propaganda of the cowardly conservative.

But to continue with the "destruction"

¹ I have never yet written an article in which I have permitted myself the dignity of footnotes. The time has come, I believe, when I may avail myself of this pedagogical device for impressing one's readers. Consequently, for those interested, Mr. Hendrick's little book is published by The Underwriters Press, West 230th Street and Riverdale Avenue, New York City.

tive criticism." Is there a college man in the United States who has not practiced the vile art of "handshaking" a professor, of telling him how much he enjoys his lectures and what they mean to him? All with the idea of getting what is called a "good grade." Is there an undergraduate who has dared to go up to a lecturer after a class and tell him that his lecture this afternoon was punk? Why not? Simply because the college atmosphere seems to encourage lies and frowns on truth. And who is responsible for this attitude of teaching cowardice? All of us: students, professors, trustees.

Is American history taught in American colleges? No, indeed; but a carefully edited half-truth is religiously presented to the enquiring student. It is called American history; but it really isn't. So you see that the attitude of dodging truth is incorporated right in the foundations of education.

Education should not be entrusted to any one class. It should not be entrusted to any church. For the church is prone to emphasize the theories that support a particular creed, and to be intent upon suppressing facts that do not support this creed, and so to neglect the development of a spirit of inquiry and the teaching of history *as it happened*. Then well-developed minds are not produced, cannot be, but only narrow and intense thinking is found among the able and a crude obedience to tradition among the unthinking mass.

History as it is now taught should be junked. In its stead should be conducted a study of the struggle of

the human race against the oppression of the medicine man, the politician, the monarch, superstition, the Pharaoh, capitalism, war and the more modern phases of enslavement, such as the one we are now discussing.

A French educator once said, "The education of a people is at once the consequence of all that it believes and the source of all that it is destined to be." The daily inertia of the educators is not promising much for destiny. College graduates are orthodox and not intelligent; they are commonplace and not outstanding individuals. In a college a *revolte*, one who has not been completely cowardized by modern higher education and who does not fear to think and talk, is shunned by the "serious students," the pride of the institution, for fear that association with him might contaminate their names—in other words, "bring the faculty down on them."

There is a need for truth and freedom in the American college. Man must be educated to be manly. For life is not only short but even its shortness is uncertain, and valuable time taken up in the teaching of that which must be unlearned if one is to know the true values of living is certainly a waste to say the very least. But at present we have the students fearful lest they offend the faculty, the faculty afraid of "crossing" the trustees, and the trustees all too mindful of commercial interests.

There is a desperate need of developing originality and constructive thought—but first we must have a bit of destructive thought. Here's mine.

CORNELIUS TILGHMAN,
Delaware Alpha.

He: Will you a-Ford me the pleasure of taking a ride in my Buick?

She: If I did I'd find out how a cad-illac.

He: Oh, is Stutz so?—*Boston Beanpot.*

EXPANSION, A CONSTRUCTIVE SYMBOL

When a fraternity has reached the position which Sigma Phi Epsilon occupies it is doubtless inevitable that, realizing its power and prestige, it should become tinged with a spirit of exclusiveness, a sense that its importance makes it quite unnecessary to charter new chapters. Probably this feeling, the response to our fraternity's eminence, is the basis for the idea that we need no longer expand, that the best policy for the future is to strive for internal solidarity and strength.

Now if internal strength and wise expansion were inconsistent or antithetical we would have no hesitation in choosing the former. There can be no question, I think, but that it is of primary importance, and if in the interests of union it were necessary to sacrifice expansion there is no member of the organization who would not willingly give up the latter. Fortunately, however, the reverse is true; expansion is not inconsistent with internal strength; it is rather contributory to it, and is at once its result and its symbol—the result in that it is the natural outcome of a strong organization that it should be petitioned by strong locals, and the symbol in its manifestation, to the fraternity and to the world, of the fact that the fraternity has this eminently desirable strong organization.

There can hardly be a Sigma Phi Epsilon who does not feel a thrill of joy when another chapter is added to our roll, provided that he is convinced of the worth of the new chapter. Even the opponents of expansion are, for the most part, in favor of creating a very high standard for petitioning locals rather than adopting a rigid policy of exclusion. And indeed everyone believes in setting a high standard. Anti-expansionists, however, are likely to over-emphasize ac-

complishment and underrate potentialities. Up to the present the fraternity has maintained a liberal, sane, and astonishingly able policy of expansion. The opponents of expansion might be a little less certain of their stand if they understood how much the present position of our fraternity is due to this policy. It seems to me that one of its essentials has been the recognition of the possibilities as well as the present of locals, and this policy has thoroughly justified itself by its results. It is more than a tradition.

That the strength of a fraternity can be measured by the number of its chapters is a proposition maintained by few; more chapters for the sake of more chapters can not be the guiding principle of a sane policy of expansion. Nevertheless it is true that for the realization of the best in any fraternity it is important to have a well distributed chapter roll. This factor has been considered in our past expansion, but there are still numerous opportunities for strengthening our distribution. Not all our chapters are at present able to gain the incalculable advantage and inspiration which comes from the communion of chapters.

But it is hard to put into words the greatest of the benefits of liberal expansion. After all, they are less in themselves than they are the outward and visible signs of that inward grace which the opponents of expansion are so desirous of preserving. Expansion is the *symbol* of three things which must always be dear to Sigma Phi Epsilon:

Expansion is the symbol of growth—the onward march towards the realization of the finest of ideals. For it is true to the point of being a platitude that there can be no static

position; everything moves forward, or it moves back.

Expansion is the symbol of democracy—and, though fraternities are inherently exclusive, ours, at least, must ever stand for democracy in its highest sense. Many fraternities seem to have lost, in a measure, this ideal. They have let the exclusive nature of the fraternity become its end instead of one of its means; they have thought that the fraternity stamps the man,

and not the man the fraternity. They have stopped establishing chapters.

Expansion is the symbol of brotherhood—and Sigma Phi Epsilon stands pledged, in the midst of a blase and unidealistic world, to this ideal, which can have no finer expression than the extension of its high privileges to a new group of men ready and worthy of receiving them.

JAMES P. MITCHELL II,
Illinois Alpha.

EXPAND AND GROW THIN

It is inevitable in any organization that there should be differences of opinion. It is also as inevitable as it is unfortunate that the component parts should take little heed of the others' views except when the matter in hand strikes directly home. And then, too often the views of the different parts are misconstrued and possibly condemned because of lack of mutual understanding. This is as much the result of the diversity of the organization as it is of the provinciality of interest of each part in its own affairs. But there are some things that affect the organization as a whole, and on these there should be a sharing of views to the mutual benefit of all. It is for this reason that this newly-created department is welcome as a clearing-house of ideas.

One of these affairs of vital general concern is the subject of expansion. Too often this has been discussed in secret session or in mass counsel, and little enough time has been devoted to the formation of a genuine chapter and subsequent organizational opinion.

It would be equally contrary to theory and experience to argue against the value of expansion to an infant organization. All understand that a rapid and active expansion policy has been necessary to build up a sufficiently large and geographically

strong fraternity. But who of us will maintain that we are still in the infant stage? We are no longer young nor weak. There are twenty-five years of tremendous activity behind us, with a result that we are now a force to be respected in fraternity circles. Judiciously we have placed our roots in representative universities throughout the country. This gives us good geographical surface entrenchment.

But an organization, as an organism can grow too rapidly for the good of its component parts. Natural law not only demands a sufficient breathing spell for the development of the parts of the organism before further growth, but its inexorable code places a final limit on the addition of parts to the whole. An organization, too, must have some limit to its expansion. It cannot forever go on adding new parts without choking the whole, as well as stifling the development of many of its present units.

It is not only impossible but would be unreasonable to attempt to spread our fraternity into every university in the country. Many of them are not adapted to the fraternity system; others could not support a chapter of the standard at which we aim. According to a tabulation of fraternity expansion in the Emerald of Sigma Pi we are now the third most rapid

expansionist of the fraternities of standing, with an average of 4.525 months between our chapter installations. Even the biggest business enterprises know when to stop. We must not be over-ambitious for addition.

Possibly we have not yet reached the limit of our expansion. There may remain a few sections in which we might do well to locate. But we surely have come to that period where a considerable breathing spell is a vital necessity to our internal development. It has been said that we are now but surfacely entrenched. What is needed at present is to deepen further the roots of our fifty-three units and strengthen their hold in each section.

Now this can be done only in two ways, and without the full co-operation of both the attempt of either will be futile. Each chapter must dig in for itself, but it must have the concentrated help of the Grand Chapter; otherwise it could develop just as well as a local. Experience has shown that a newly admitted chapter without alumni support or financial backing needs to be mothered for some years by the Grand Chapter, using the strength of the organization. Naturally this is a drain on the present units, for the Grand Chapter cannot devote its time to the new and the old adequately for both. Furthermore, of the locals taken in, most of them do not own their own homes, and this but swells the list of rented quarters that even now needs reducing.

It is true that by the new building endowment fund much is being done by the Grand Chapter to aid the housing problem. But *much* is not enough; *all* is necessary. What our fraternity needs before adding another of the few remaining units to complete our expansion is for every chapter to own its own home. Not only this, but in order to lessen the

burden of the future members who will have to pay for the houses and to keep the chapter from temporary depression, no chapter ought to carry a mortgage of over 50 per cent of the value of its property. Are these high ideals? They are also sane. And none but the highest will make for the strongest organization.

We need never fear that a non-expansion program for some years will create a static condition. On the contrary, with the freedom it will allow to the Grand Chapter for devoting its attention and the consolidated strength of the organization to each part, it will inaugurate an unprecedented period of internal development. Neither need we fear that these years of non-expansion will discourage the locals in the few universities left to complete our circle of the country. The stronger our fraternity will become in this time the better and stronger class of locals it will attract.

We have the sanest, and possibly the most brilliant financial system in the whole fraternity world. How much sooner we would have one of the strongest internal organizations if we devoted that entirely to our present chapters and gave our undivided attention and strength to the building up of each unit with a new home and deeper roots in its region.

Many thinkers predict a day not far distant when the fraternity system will be face to face with a new and unfriendly educational program. Which type of organization will survive then, the one with many parts but none deeply rooted, or the one with a homogeneous group with each part strong in itself and reinforced in its relation to the whole? Such a fraternity as the latter will have force enough to prove to any new order its indispensibility therein.

LEE J. SKINNER,
New York Beta.

SIG EPICS

RICHMOND SIG EP forces have been recently augmented by several persons of considerable importance in the Old Dominion. With the convening of the Virginia Assembly no less than four Sig Eps are found in the Assembly rolls. Vivian L. Page, Virginia Epsilon, is a delegate from Norfolk City, while Q. C. Davis, Virginia Alpha, is the delegate from Norfolk County. William M. Tuck, Virginia Epsilon, is the delegate from Halifax County. Likewise, J. Vaughan Gary, Virginia Alpha, and prominent in the councils of the Richmond Alumni Chapter, is the delegate from the city of Richmond.

IN ADDITION to his regular duties as Traveling Secretary, Bob Edwards has assumed new responsibilities arising out of his contacts as our galloping inspector. This latest job is that of holding the towel and sponge for brothers entering the matrimonial ring. In the last days of April he appeared in the role of the so-called "best man," which is a misnomer, when Raymond Lawrence Cromartie, Jr., North Carolina Delta and Virginia Alpha, was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Ezzell in Dunn, N. S.

FRANK W. DAHN, D. C. Alpha, '11, better known to Sig Eps in Washington, D. C., as "Pop" Dahn, possibly because he has so long fathered the chapter in that city, has recently withdrawn from his association with Mr. E. W. Bradford in the practice of the law and has opened an office by himself at 710 Washington Loan & Trust Building where he will specialize in patent, trademark and copy-

right law. Prior to his entry in the practice of the law he was the principal examiner in the U. S. Patent Office. He represented Washington Sig Eps at the Columbus Conclave in 1923 and of course will be present at the Richmond Conclave.

COLORADO ALPHA loses two members to Uncle Sam's institutions. Glen Herndon has received an appointment to Annapolis and Phil Cooley has an appointment to West Point. Herndon, whose home is in Norwood, Colorado, has passed his mental tests but must still take his physical examination in San Francisco in June. He is a sophomore in Colorado University and active in athletics. Cooley has had his appointment for some time and has been "killing time" by attending Colorado University. His home is in Clovis, New Mexico. At Annapolis Herndon will join another Colorado Alpha Sig Ep, Emmett Graham, who is now a second classman at the academy.

IN CAPTAIN DAN D'AIUTO of the West Virginia University track team West Virginia Beta has a speedster extraordinary. This is safely predicated on a very remarkable record made by D'Auto on March 27th when in running a handicap 65-yard indoor dash on a board track he stepped the distance in six and four-fifths seconds—a full fifth of a second below the world's record of seven seconds. He was timed in the event by three experienced timers, one of whom was Coach Art Smith of the West Virginia track squad. This record is not official as it was made in a practice meet but is indicative of

what may be expected of the Mountaineer captain on the cinders this spring. He was clocked at 9.9 twice in the century dash last spring although the time was disallowed because of a slight wind at his back. Dehart Hubbard of Michigan is reported to have done the 65-yard dash in the same time made by D'Aiuto but it is not yet an official record.

STUART K. CLARK, Nebraska Alpha, '16, is assistant chief geologist of the Marland Oil Company of Oklahoma with offices in Ponca City, Oklahoma. Born in Iowa, educated in Nebraska, trained in engineering and an oil hound by vocation he is a citizen of Oklahoma, he confesses, only by virtue of the fact that the exotic shekel tree flourishes more luxuriantly in that particular locality than elsewhere. Nothing strange about that. A vocation and a location have had a natural affinity in a multitude of instances.

COACH Steve Harrick, West Virginia Beta, demands the attention of sport writers generally by reason of his employing the Charleston in the training of his wrestling squad. And why not? Any one with the physical condition to do the latest terpsichorean acrobatics should find wrestling mere child's play. And as for rapid and effective footwork—well, why not institute wrestling classes generally to train aspiring dancers for the Charleston. One does not wonder, however, at the International News Reel Photos of New York securing pictures of the Harrickmen in action at the Charleston. It would be a novelty.

GRAND MARSHAL Paul G. Koontz will be found in a new location. He has withdrawn from the law firm of Williamson, Harris, Gaylord & Koontz and with Spencer F. Harris, formerly of that firm, has established

the firm of Harris & Koontz for the general practice of law with offices at 400-401 Fidelity Building, Kansas City, Missouri. The change was made February 1, 1926.

BURR PATTERSON & Company last fall offered prizes for the best homecoming decorations of fraternity houses during the football season. The second prize was awarded to D. K. Bryant, Nebraska Alpha, for his design which won the local prize at the University of Nebraska. The first prize went to Arthur Susatt, Delta Sigma Phi at Madison, Wis. Bryant's design was reproduced in the JOURNAL in the issue of November, 1925. He is illustrator on a Lincoln, Nebraska, newspaper and is the designer of the cover used on this issue of the JOURNAL as well as several preceding covers.

SOME CHAPTER periodically comes out with a superman. Florida Alpha scores this time with the activities of Silas M. Creech. He is a major in the University of Florida R. O. T. C., leading member of the Florida debating team, business manager of the "Florida Alligator," student newspaper, and a scholar of high rank. He holds a membership in Blue Key, student Rotary, Sigma Delta Chi., journalism fraternity, and Scabbard and Blade, military fraternity. He was a member of the junior honor committee, assistant editor of the "Florida Seminole" and a member of Black and White, a society made up of men outstanding in several lines of endeavor. If you have plenty of time at your command try to figure out how he does it all.

FLOYD McCOMB, Kansas Gamma, '25, who since his graduation has been employed in the Topeka, Kansas, office of the Capper Publications, has recently been transferred to the Chicago branch of that company to work in the foreign advertising department.

PAUL "Monk" Summers, West Virginia Beta, '29, has annexed a cup worthy of special mention. He hails from that part of West Virginia where they have men who are men and they carry guns just like regular "Mountaineers." He returned from his home last fall determined to gain some merit for himself, from his earnest work of last year in golf. Each year the Morgantown Country Club offers the "governor's cup" as a prize for competition to its members. Summers entered the tournament easily the "under dog" and was conceded only a possible chance of winning. To his surprise he reached the finals in fine form after overcoming adverse weather conditions. His professor in the law college, an athlete and golfer of note, was his opponent. It was a two-day fight between pupil and teacher and, contrary to precedent, the pupil won. "Monk" is now the proud possessor of the "governor's cup" and he hopes to again capture it as well as other trophies next fall. Summers is a member of the varsity basketball squad and of Torch and Serpent, honorary sophomore organization, as well as a pledge of Phi Alpha Delta, legal fraternity.

DR. E. F. HEISKELL, an alumnus of West Virginia Beta and president of their local alumni association, has bought the City Hospital in Morgantown, W. Va. He will have, after the first of July, an assistant on his staff who has spent the last six years as first assistant to Dr. Charles Mayo, who is one of the famous Mayo brothers of Rochester, Minn. Dr. Heiskell graduated from West Virginia in 1916 and then attended Loyola College at Chicago. In 1918 he joined the army service as a member of the medical corps until his discharge in 1919. After completing his interne work at the American Theatrical hospital in Chicago he spent two years

as superintendent and assistant surgeon in the North Avenue hospital in the same city. While in Chicago Dr. Heiskell was an active member of the Chicago Alumni Association and he still tells of the great times he had while there.

DONALD G. SLAWSON, Michigan Alpha, has attained to the highest honor of the noted Michigan law school in his recent election to the Order of the Coif, honorary law fraternity. Membership to this organization is awarded only to the highest ten per cent of the senior law class. This honor entitled Slawson to a position on the Michigan Law Review, a publication of the University of Michigan, holding a high position in the field of legal literature. Slawson is also a member of Phi Delta Phi, legal law fraternity.

MICHIGAN ALPHA enjoyed a thrill of pride over its house dance in connection with this year's J-hop activities. The music was the thing that gave them the kick, the musical piece de resistance being the attendance at the dance of the noted Zez Confrey, piano acrobat extraordinary of Victor Record game. Through his acquaintanceship with Alvin Tolle, president of Michigan Alpha, the inimitable Zez attended Michigan Alpha's party and favored the guests with a recital of the stuff that musicians are quarreling over. It must have been a coup d'etat, a knock-out or what have you.

FRANK WILLIAMS, Florida Alpha, '22, has shown himself to be a spry prof. Since his graduation he has been an instructor of vocational agriculture at Chiefland, Florida. Notwithstanding the fact that he is but twenty-four years of age, he has established an enviable reputation in the teaching field in his state. But that is only part of it. Ever since

his graduation he has been developing and running an eighty-acre pecan and citrus nursery which is beginning to net him substantial profits. And now he has leaped into public life, the citizens of Chiefland having elected him the major of the city. Notwithstanding all of this he finds time for periodical visits to Florida Alpha and takes an active interest in the affairs of that chapter.

Perhaps you have noticed the advertisement of the Westinghouse company in which is related the unusual success of one of their employes, E. W. Loomis, in the selling field. It is the story of an engineer who went into the sales field and his achievements have been extraordinary. The advertisement points out the opportunities in like work for other technically trained college graduates. It is interesting to note that E. W. Loomis is a member of Delaware Alpha of the class of 1914. When a great corporation boasts of an employe's success it stands to reason that there must be something in the story.

CAPTAIN Bill Dodderer, North Carolina Delta, of the University of North Carolina basketball team, broke into a column of space in the *Richmond Times Dispatch* recently by virtue of a bit of superstition involving a hair pin. It seems that when Dodderer sets forth to do basketball battle and wants to win, he carries as a good-luck token a rusty hair pin that for some years has been helping him conquer the evil spirit of bad luck. The incomparable hair pin possessed of so much magic has been through no little history including guerilla warfare in Central America and more polite fighting in France under conditions prescribed by correct battle etiquette. The newspaper would lead one to believe that the conspicuous success of the Carolina basket tossers has been due to the much experienced

hair pin. Our report is that Bill Dodderer personally is the real explanation.

Readers of the JOURNAL will remember an article written by former Traveling Secretary Clarence H. Freeark which appeared in the November, 1925, issue under the title "The College Fraternity—A Rational Institution." The evaluation of Brother Freeark's work given by the editor of the *Phi Chi Quarterly* is of interest. In reprinting this lengthy article in its entirety our contemporary has this to say: "For many years I have read fraternity literature, seeking to learn from the experienced officials methods whereby I could bring Phi Chi to the high level of as nearly a perfect organization as is possible, but I hardly think I have ever read and studied a clearer exposition of the fraternity personnel and behavior than that presented by Clarence H. Freeark of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and here it is." We concur. And, we might add, no one has contributed more clear thought to Sigma Phi Epsilon's own personal problems than this same former Traveling Secretary.

MINNESOTA ALPHA cannot keep up with the news with a quarterly chapter publication. Nothing short of a monthly edition of the "Sig Ep Gopher" will tell all of the news of that chapter and tell it when it is hot. Their first number under the new plan gives promise and affords some interesting news to the alumni of that chapter.

KANSAS GAMMA informs us that Ben Hibbs, alumnus of that chapter, has "crashed into Who's Who" by virtue of his literary attainments. If this isn't true it ought to be for Ben Hibbs has been doing some worthy work in the two or three years he has been out of College. After leaving the Kansas University campus

behind, Hibbs embarked in the field of rural journalism, working on several papers in Kansas and Colorado and winding up as city editor of the Fort Morgan (Colo.) *Evening Times*. From there he went to the Kansas State Teachers College at Hays, Kans., where he has since taught journalism and English and handled the school publicity work. His work and wide acquaintance have made him a well known figure among Kansas journalists—a breed that has no superior in any state.

ILLINOIS ALPHA by raising its standing in the list of general fraternities by nine places, became fourteenth in scholarship at Illinois and thereby placed in the upper fourth of the list. No doubt an impetus was given in this work by James P. Mitchell II of that chapter who enjoys the signal distinction of having been elected this spring to Phi Beta Kappa. Mitchell's participation in other activities demonstrates that good scholarship and a reasonable participation in other activities is easily possible.

• AT THE TIME this is written, and with most of the chapter news articles in, Oregon Alpha is entitled to credit as having submitted the best news article for this issue of the JOURNAL. Not because of the chapter's elevation to the top of the scholarship roll nor because of the activities enumerated is that chapter accorded this honor, but rather, it is because of care in preparation of its letter and the nearly perfect form of the manuscript. With so many hastily, carelessly and foolishly written contributions pouring upon the editor, work like that of Clark H. Fisher, historian of Oregon Alpha, is gratefully received.

ILLINOIS ALPHA'S new mammoth chapter house is now partly fin-

ished and about ready for the interior finishing. Occupying considerable ground space and with three stories and a full basement, it is easy to understand that the contracts for building this house aggregate \$67,000. When completed Illinois Alpha will have one of the leading chapter houses within this fraternity. It will be shown to the fraternity by picture and description in the September issue of the JOURNAL.

WHILE MOST fraternity men have activities, and many of them, and there is nothing unusual about an active member acquiring a string of honors, occasionally some individual, still in college, is entitled to the attention of the fraternity for the work he is doing. John H. Nichols, Ohio Gamma, is one of these. He started in his sophomore year by annexing a football letter awarded by his Alma Mater, Ohio State, for his work at tackle. He was then elected to the Varsity "O" Association and became its secretary. He was also elected a member of the co-operative book store board of directors and in the spring was chosen a member of Bucket and Dipper, junior honorary. In his junior year he acquired another football letter, was elected junior class representative on the student council and was initiated in Delta Sigma Pi, commerce fraternity. And now in his senior year, after still another football letter has been earned by him, he has been elected to Sphinx, senior honorary society—the highest honor to be had at Ohio State University.

NORTH Carolina Beta chapter is making its plans for a 100 per cent attendance of the active chapter at the Conclave, to say nothing of its alumni. A movement is also on foot in Washington, D. C., for a 100 per cent attendance on the part of D. C. Alpha and alumni in that city. And there

will be others attend in equal strength. Virginia is a hot bed of alumni of the fraternity and there will be no difficulty in securing the attendance of most of them.

E. V. MONTANDON, Vermont Beta, has recently been awarded the distinction of election to Phi Beta Kappa at Middlebury College in Vermont. He is one of but five men elected to that society this year and is Vermont Beta's first Phi Beta Kappa since its installation which took place last spring.

GEORGE Guttormsen, Washington Beta, who is captain-elect of the famous "Huskies" football team for next fall, has just been elected associate student president, valued by University of Washington students as the highest honor on the campus. He is also rated as the highest in scholarship of all men on the football squad, and has been prominent in politics throughout his college course. In Guttormsen's election as student president Washington Beta scores its second political triumph in the three starts made and Guttormsen scores the highest honors earned by any Washington Beta Sig Ep since the chapter was chartered.

CHARLES GREEN, Delaware Alpha of the class of '25, recently took one of the leading roles in the Wilmington, Delaware, Aircastle Players' production of Galsworthy's "The Silver Box." Green is also regularly broadcasting. When he was at the University of Delaware he was president of the Footlights Club, the name of which tells its own story.

AT THE FIRST dual track meet at the University of Delaware this year, five Sig Eps from Delaware Alpha, accounted for twenty-seven points for the Delaware track team. Kramer, captain of track, took first in both the shot-put and the discus. Tremaine led the field in both the mile and the half mile races. Lohman won the pole vault. Manns took third in the javelin, and Hanson captured third in the discus.

PHILLIPS W. PORTER, Ohio Gamma, who received the western conference activity medal several years ago for being the most active man in any eastern conference school, is now employed on the staff of the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, Cleveland, Ohio.

Outlawed for fourteen years by legislative action, Greek-letter fraternities are to again enter the state of Mississippi. After many futile attempts to secure the repeal of the exclusion law the Mississippi legislature on March 4th passed the Seller bill, repealing the exclusion act of 1912, and Governor Henry L. Whitfield, himself a member of Kappa Alpha at Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss., signed the bill.

The Sellers bill was passed after spirited debate and against determined opposition. The vote in the house of representatives was 70 to 49. Fraternity effort will now concentrate on the state of South Carolina where fraternities are still under legislative ban.

That girl is a mathematical impossibility.
Howzat?

She's half Spanish, half French and half crazy.—Bison.

EXCOGITATIONS

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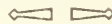
The much mooted question of expansion continues to irritate all of the fraternities save only a mere handful whose iron-clad laws or traditions forbid their growth. This discussion is a healthy sign. Growing pains may be uncomfortable at the time but the attendant development is natural and desirable. Let the discussion increase. It is certain to have a beneficial effect upon the fraternities. The more we discuss fraternity expansion the more we must of necessity inquire into the nature and character of the organization, its functions and its possibilities. Out of that discussion will develop a fraternity "philosophy," if you will, that will be a marked departure from the concept of the past.

Until comparatively recent years all fraternities have looked upon themselves as purely fraternal organizations, having no other motive or purpose than the enjoyment of pleasant relations within a circumscribed group while in college. Their rituals perhaps stated more altruistic and lofty aims but ritualistic principles are one thing and external concepts are another. Fraternities must be judged by the views of their membership exemplified in practice: not by the platitudes of a ritual that is brought out once or twice a year for initiation ceremonies. Fraternity rituals have, no doubt, been beautiful creeds but the thought of fraternity men has been that the organization has served its fullest purpose if it has afforded its members four years of enjoyable relations with a picked group of men while taking their college work.

That view is passing,—is almost past. The newer concept of the fra-

ternity looks upon its pure fraternalism as an incident and ascribes to it a definite function in the educational life of our time. The fraternity has become an educational agency, an auxiliary to the college, a center of culture attached to the college. It is no longer a collegiate parasite; it has become a branch of the college in its work of higher education.

That is the view that enlightened fraternity executives now take and while the fraternities are not yet entirely supporting that view they show promise and the future appears encouraging. There is a vast amount of educational work yet to be done before the thousands of members of each fraternity, or a substantial portion of them, may be led to see the possibilities of the fraternity in the educational system. A long task is ahead in interesting the thoughtful alumni of all fraternities in the work the fraternity is to do; in showing these alumni that the fraternity is to be used for something more serious than assuring the members of four joyous years in college. But intelligent men can be made to understand the potentialities of the fraternity in the making of men of higher culture than those of the past. Give them the concept of the fraternity as a center of culture ancillary to the college and men of better instincts will lend it the same effort and support they are willing to give to every enterprise devoted to higher spiritual endeavor.



If fraternities are to realize this new goal set before them there must be a change in our administrative ma-

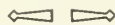
chinery. Our present organization is inadequate for that end. It is inadequate in the same sense that undergraduates cannot best serve as their own instructors while in college. It is possible for the college student to be his own task master, his own bibliographer and his lecturer. But he must be a very exceptional student and he will probably lose time and needlessly dissipate his energies in the process for education is presumably the short-cut to knowledge.

Fraternity chapters may conceivably develop themselves as the centers of culture I have mentioned. But many things militate against them and other means should be found as a short-cut to that end. It seems to me that the solution of this problem will lie in something approaching a tutorial system within the chapter. If each chapter were to have living in its house and exercising a quasi-control over the intellectual life of the house one or more graduates of high scholarly attainments whose mission it were to stimulate the thoughtful activity of the chapter, progress might be made. Around every college there are a considerable number of graduate students, men on fellowships and younger professors who are available for such work. Most of these men have slender incomes and could be given much appreciated salaries for their work within the chapter that would greatly increase the return the students got for their college expenses. It would be desirable, although not necessary, that these supervisors be members of the fraternity.

What the work of these men would be would largely depend upon the needs of the particular chapter. In all cases they would prove of value in stimulating scholarly discussions of general interest to take the place of much of the current inane chapter-house conversation. There would probably always be need for their

services in tutoring students struggling with academic difficulties. And even in the case of strong students they could afford a stimulus and incentive to broader, more intelligent work that would amply justify their cost.

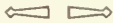
In view of our present attitude toward fraternity affairs it is perhaps not to be expected that such a plan could be undertaken until the chapter has acquired its own fraternity home. Doubtless all available money will be devoted to the physical plant. But once out of financial stress what could the chapter do to better advantage—assuming that its members are desirous of a broad, cultural education—than to adopt the tutorial system and begin the task of making it the center of culture it should be? What chapter is there at the present time that could not well afford to give either room and board or its equivalent in money to an interested young instructor in the college to undertake such work? The task is too large for a single tutor but at least a start could be made. It is worth giving thought during the ensuing months with the possibility of adoption at the beginning of the next session.



Some men will do peculiar things. I am one of them. The *faux pas* of which I am guilty was disclosing all of the plans of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Alpha Chi Omega Husbands in this colyum. The inquiring eyes of Miss Hazel E. Eckhart, secretary-editor of Alpha Chi Omega, fell upon the issue of the JOURNAL in which I enumerated our plans for salvaging our rights as husbands and forthwith Miss Eckhart advised all Alpha Chis by reprinting the details. Hence it was that my wife, and no doubt wives of others, became advised of the existence and *modus operandi* of our organization.

I recall that a distinguished gentleman of about 150 years ago pointedly remarked that unless he and his contemporaries hung together they should assuredly hang separately. We organizers of the B. P. O. A. C. O. H. are too widely separated to hang together. So I think I shall just withdraw from the order. Not, you understand, that I do not think there is a need—a crying need—for it if some of us are to realize our just rights as down-trodden husbands. It is a worthy organization, well founded. But I think I shall withdraw; in fact, I have withdrawn—for reasons, as I have said, that concern no one else except myself. And possibly one other.

So farewell, Jordan, Neal, Best *et alter*, charter members and courageous souls. I wish you well. I likewise pray for your safety. I hope you carry on and if I can lend you aid or succor call upon me—provided, however, there is no danger of any one, especially Miss Eckhart, finding it out. Understand, I am not afraid of Miss Eckhart but—well, as I have already said, I have some personal reasons for not wishing to be involved—reasons that concern no one but myself. . . . And possibly one other.



Speaking of Alpha Chi Omega, I am at a loss to understand why that worthy organization selected a Canadian summer resort, Lake Louise, for their annual convention—especially in view of the fact that they are providing for a battery of high powered chaperones. What a waste of facilities! Our fair sisters could, unless I mistake their temper, find all that they desire within these Unliquidated States. It is idle to expect, with all of those chaperones, that when in Canada they will do as the Canadians do.

Things get out of joint. If the Alpha Chis were to hold their con-

vention in Richmond, as we shall do, they would have every facility of which they would avail themselves. If, in turn, Sigma Phi Epsilon were to hold its Conclave at Lake Louise—well, it's a good thing that it isn't. The abrupt freedom from our restrictive legislation would be fatal, I fear, to attendance at meetings, quality of work done and the physical well being of many of the delegates. Our sisters of the lyre can, no doubt, handle their liquor better than we could—by which I mean not what you are thinking of but the simple fact that the availability of beverages in excess of the famed one-half of one per cent will in no wise affect their convention whereas under similar conditions I should fear for our Conclave. We have a tough enough problem on our hands keeping the forthcoming Conclave at Richmond dusty dry. But, by general agreement and the edict of the officers of the fraternity, that is what it is to be.



Dean H. E. Stone of West Virginia University has recently completed a noteworthy work that should be of value to both college and university administrative officers and to fraternity executives. A questionnaire was sent by Dean Stone to one hundred national officers of fraternities having chapters in West Virginia University in which inquiry was made regarding fraternity ideals, aims and policies that have a bearing upon college administrative problems.

There is much that is encouraging to sincere well-wishers of higher education in the attitude of many fraternity executives. There is likewise much that discloses the failure on the part of these officers to appreciate the possibilities of the fraternity and its relationship to education. To all too many the matter of gravest concern is that books shall be well aud-

ited, that financial reports shall be promptly made, that internal difficulties of the chapters may be straightened out. They fail utterly to grasp the higher concept of the fraternity and its function in stimulating the spiritual and cultural life of students.

Virtually all express themselves in favor of higher scholarship. Naturally. Pleading for better scholarship has become bromidic with fraternity executives—and the endeavor usually ends with their pleas. Urging better scholarship has become traditional and many present executives have “inherited” the tradition without much serious thought about it. As proof of this, let me point to the relatively inconsequential effort that is devoted to actually raising scholarship.

Dean Stone's questionnaire discloses that virtually all executives strongly denounce the use of liquor by fraternity members and point to rules and penalties against bringing liquor into fraternity houses. There is reason to believe that most fraternities do all that is possible to discourage and discountenance drinking, for which they are entitled to due credit.

The great majority of fraternity executives, as disclosed by the questionnaire, favor close co-operation between the fraternity and the college authorities. They differ as to the desirability of house mothers and indicate a strong unanimity of opinion in opposing palatial fraternity houses.

To what extent these views of fraternity executives govern the activities of the active chapters is open to speculation. It is one thing for the executive to hold praiseworthy views of fraternity conduct and activity; it is quite another to translate that opinion into a definite influence upon the undergraduates who make up the active chapters. To the extent that high-minded ideals of fraternity leaders become motivating influences in the lives

of these active members may be judge of the quality of the fraternity organizations.

Needless to say, undergraduates are none too amenable to multifarious thou-shalt-nots. Negative restrictions are always more or less ineffective. Positive stimuli that challenge undergraduate interest and lead their activities into higher and worthier channels of activity appeal to me as far more effective than imposing rules of conduct upon the chapter. Spur a chap into interest in better things and you have little need for restrictive rules. He has interests that do not comport with the vices you rule against. But until fraternity executives themselves grasp the meaning and significance of this idealism, this cult of culture, they can bring little influence to bear upon the active chapter.

If the policy of stimulating the more worthwhile activity were adopted in preference to that of restrictivism something the equivalent of the chapter tutorial system I have heretofore mentioned would become highly desirable if not indispensable. Of course, I do not mean to say that such a plan is an absolute cure-all for fraternity problems. The most I would say is that all fraternity regulation is, and will be, weak and that the desired results of better scholarship, freedom from vice and the development of young men of higher type can come nearer to realization by employing positive, constructive influences for good that may influence the lives of the undergraduates.

The force of influences upon a young man's life is tremendous. The compulsion of regulatory fiat is negligible.

One of the leading advocates of the small college is Dr. Alexander Michaeljohn, one-time president of Amherst and now head of the philosophy department of the University of Wisconsin. His views of the superiority

of the small college in the educational scheme should be considered by every student or graduate of the large university who feels a certain superiority over those whose Alma Mater is the smaller institution.

Michaeljohn would have, as an ideal college, a student body of not to exceed 350 with a faculty that would allow about twenty students to each professor. It is his belief, however, that not only is there great value in permitting closer contact between student and instructor but it is of nearly equal importance that there may be close contact between all faculty members so that their work may be developed as an inter-related, unified whole rather than as a disjointed, disassociated patchwork. Furthermore, he would reverse the plan of instruction generally followed wherein an introduction is made to a certain subject by surveying the entire field to be followed by intensive investigation of different phases of the subject. He would begin the work with attention to the specific phases and at the conclusion of these conclude the subject with a general course that would relate and synthesize the accumulated facts into an orderly philosophy of the subject. Which, of course, is the scientific method, letting the facts evolve their own theory rather than starting with a theory and sifting facts to support it.

No such college at present exists; we are discussing an ideal. But in the small college we do have many of the advantages that Dr. Michaeljohn mentions—the closer contact between student and instructor and a better co-ordinated plan of instruction. It is not unlikely that the smaller institutions are giving their students a better knowledge of the subjects studied than the large universities. Which, after all, is the important thing.

In the large university, however, a certain veneer may be acquired that perhaps leads to the feeling of superiority some feel over the small-college man. Many social affairs, intensive participation in campus activities and the assertive attitude that comes from contact with larger groups of people may result in a sleek appearance, an ease of contact and a blase disdain, a fashionable cynicism that may, with some people pass for an education. But it is a shallow coating that will not long deceive even the ignorant. Moreover, such advantage as there is in graceful contact with people is not limited to any college. It is free as the air.

I came from a big university and for a long time, including my years in school, felt a decided bias in favor of the large school, deeming it the superior institution. But I have lost that. The more I have seen of small college graduates the more I have been impressed with the fact that they got more of real value out of their college course than did we who attended the big educational mill where students were run through a machine-like process turning out a standardized product. I do not mean to say that it is impossible to get as good an education in a large university as in a small college. What I do mean to say is that it is more difficult to do so—allowing due regard for superior material equipment and abler teaching corps. An education is something one must acquire himself and neither comfortable class rooms nor high powered instructors can give it to him. At any rate, that is the unimportant opinion of

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A quarter of a century is not long as history goes but the last twenty-five years has effected a substantial change in most fraternities. Within Sigma Phi Epsilon it embraces the beginning and the fulfillment of an ideal that has been of inestimable benefit to our nearly ten thousand members.

Those who pioncered in the fraternity are now enjoying the ripe years of middle age. Out of their experience they may look back on their work as members whose interests were dedicated to an ideal and feel that it has been a worthy work, well done. None, perhaps, dreamed of the grandeur to be of the institution they built. Content to advance the interests of the fraternity in its smaller sphere of that day they may have anticipated wholesome growth but none contemplated the stature of the institution that is theirs after a quarter of a century.

Is Sigma Phi Epsilon today all that it will be at the end of the next twenty-five years? Will it consist of fifty-three chapters in 1951 or of many more? Will it then be struggling with housing facilities or will all chapters then enjoy adequate equipment? Will it be concerned with petty problems of management or will its business be entirely systematized upon a business basis? Who can say, in view of past history, that in 1951 Sigma Phi Epsilon will not be larger, with tremendously increased effectiveness in its work and with ideals and aspirations of a quality and an intensity that will impress its membership beyond all that we have dreamed of in the past? Unless its development is artificially checked, the fraternity will enjoy all of this.



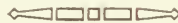
Why a Conclave? Is there some necessary business needing attention? Is there some needed legislation to be passed that the fraternity may function the better?

As a matter of fact, the constitution and laws of the fraternity need very little alteration. The task of completely revising our fundamental law was undertaken at the Des Moines Conclave and completed at the Columbus Conclave. No more painstaking work has been done within the fraternity than that of Grand Vice President Dippold in his weeks of patient work

of collation and revision. There may be minor imperfections to be ironed out but our Constitution and laws have had a quantity and quality of treatment unusual, we believe, in such organizations as ours.

Nevertheless the Conclave still has its value. It will do a considerable bit of educative work. It will revive fraternity interests. It will give an inspiration to delegates to be taken back to active and alumni chapters that will be of incalculable value to the fraternity. It will unify aims and points of view and, we trust, without standardizing the thought of individuals engender a similar outlook upon the part of the chapters toward our major problems.

The character of the fraternity, of all fraternities, is changing just as the character of educational institutions is changing. These organizations are keeping pace in a measure with new points of view, new relationships brought about by the increasing complexity of modern life. Without periodical convocations the fraternity would not only grow sectional and incoherent but would fail to keep pace with the times and with modern educational thought. There may be comparatively little actual business transacted but there will be no end of discussion of value.



Elsewhere in this issue tribute is paid to our honor chapters for their work in leading in scholarship in their respective colleges. Here is something of which we may be proud. Considering the number of fraternities in existence and the competition for scholastic honors is it not, indeed, a splendid record that no less than seven of our fifty-three chapters have headed the fraternity lists in their various institutions?

This indicates an improvement in this leading field of endeavor. It is a better record than we have enjoyed of recent years. But for a fraternity that acknowledges, as we do, the importance of scholarly attainments our record is not wholly satisfying. For there is a story not told in reviewing the work of these honor chapters. There remains the disgraceful standing of some of our chapters which mars the work of these few.

Poor scholarship is indicative of more than one deficiency. It will generally be found that chapters hugging the bottom of the scholarship lists have very weak internal organizations and, not infrequently, members or pledges not a credit to the fraternity. Conversely, there will usually be found in the honor chapters a strong organization, a strong personnel and good representation in college activities.

The scholarship of this year is now largely determined. That of next year is now our concern. A good way to start the next session would be to give the survey made by the scholarship commission a careful study and then make the chapter plans.

ALUMNI PRANDIAL FESTIVITIES

For the convenience of traveling Sig Eps the dates of alumni luncheons and meetings are given below. All members are cordially welcome to these events.

CHICAGO ALUMNI CHAPTER

Luncheon every Friday at 12:15 p. m. in the Dutch Grill of the Hotel LaSalle. Dinners and meetings are third Monday of each month at 6:30 p. m. at the Jack O' Lantern Tea Room, 318 Federal St., between Jackson Blvd. and Van Buren St.

DENVER ALUMNI CHAPTER

Dinners and meetings the second Tuesday night of each month at the Denver Athletic Club.

RICHMOND ALUMNI CHAPTER

Luncheon every Friday at 1:00 p. m., Chamber of Commerce Club, State & City Bank & Trust Bldg., 900 E. Main St.

DETROIT ALUMNI CHAPTER

Meetings second Wednesday of each month at place announced.

KANSAS CITY ALUMNI CHAPTER

Luncheon every Tuesday noon at the University Club.

AKSARBEN ALUMNI CHAPTER OF OMAHA

Dinners and meetings the last Monday of every month at the University Club at 6:30 p. m.

NEW YORK CITY ALUMNI CHAPTER

Luncheon every Wednesday at 12:30 p. m. at Miller's Restaurant, 115 Nassau Street. Meeting the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p. m. at the Interfraternity Club House, 22 East 38th Street, New York City.

CLEVELAND ALUMNI CHAPTER

Luncheon every Friday at 12:30 at Hotel Statler. Meetings first Monday of each month at Hotel Winton at 8:00 p. m.

MILWAUKEE ALUMNI CHAPTER

Luncheon at noon every Friday at the City Club. Dinner and meeting monthly as announced by the secretary. Phone Grand 2484.

TWIN CITY ALUMNI CHAPTER

Meets first and third Thursday each month. Golden Pheasant Inn, 12:30.

SEATTLE ALUMNI CHAPTER

Monthly meetings first Tuesday of each month at the chapter house, 4504 16th Ave., N. E. Luncheon Friday noons at Meve's Cafeteria, 4th and Pine.

LINCOLN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Dinner and meeting the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p. m. at the Grand Hotel.

PORTLAND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Dinner and meetings on first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p. m., University Club.

PITTSBURG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Meeting and dinner last Wednesday of each month. Call the secretary to ascertain place.

DES MOINES ALUMNI CHAPTER

Luncheon and meeting on third Saturday of each month at the Fort Des Moines Hotel.

PHILADELPHIA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Luncheon on third Thursday of each month at the Arcadia Cafe.

LOS ANGELES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Luncheon every Friday noon, Herbert's Cafe, 749 So. Hill St. Dinners and meetings first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p. m. at City Club, 833 So. Spring St.

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MILWAUKEE ALUMNI CHAPTER

MILWAUKEE Alumni Chapter, under the able guidance of Ken Means, who used to ascend the mount at Cornell for his "eddicashun," has had as active a year as any group of alumni would want to go through.

In April, of last year, a dance at the Athletic Club went off with a bang despite the unfavorable weather. Twenty-five couples were present to hear the orchestra's first notes and from then on there wasn't a hitch in the proceedings. Favors of hand painted Easter eggs were distributed. A buffet luncheon was served, followed by a "robber's dance" in which only the men contributed to the extent of several pieces of silver.

Although the blueprint notice stated that our Spring Wash would happen in April it was really held in May. After several fast games of handball from which Irwin Witthuhn emerged smilingly triumphant, we repaired to the tank. By the way, if you're on the way to the Conclave in the old flivver and are in need of some tires, drop in on "Whitey" Witthuhn. And even though you don't need tires it will do you good just to see him lean back against a showcase, stick both thumbs into his vest, expand his chest and beam and look prosperous! He surely can radiate prosperity! Returning to the tank room we find the brethren disporting themselves in the aqua pura. Dinner was served at the edge of the tank after we had warmed up Bill Ouweneel, who was so unfortunate in his choice of a seat, to pick out a piece of ice that had been accidentally dropped on the bench by a waiter.

We next turned our attention to golf. Great interest was aroused when Grand President Eastman announced that he would present a silver cup to the winner of the tournament. A cup was also purchased by the chapter and was called the Handicap Cup. A sunny Sunday in June saw the clan gathered at the first tee of the Grant Park course with every man determined to run up as high a score as possible for his handicap. Some did real well in this respect, as it attested in what is to follow.

A cloudy, drizzly morning was responsible for the poor attendance at the annual picnic held in July. However, the sun appeared from behind the clouds later in the morning and the Witthuhn, Smith and Krueger families enjoyed themselves on the shore of Lake Michigan for the rest of the day.

The results of the golf tournament in September showed that Chris Iseley had done exceptionally well in the handicap round in June. But Bouchard was only a stroke or so behind Iseley and so there was room for argument. Bouchard, who is now in income tax work with the government, caused quite a stir in Washington legal circles by winning a case for the government. That young lawyer can argue and will do so on the slightest provocation. For low gross score Hans Feldman gave Ken Means quite a run for the Grand President's Cup. However, Ken's putter was working good enough to pull him through as the first holder of the trophy. How successful and with what interest our golf tournament was run off can be judged by the way this year's tournament is being looked forward to.

The month of November brought with it Thanksgiving and a banquet at the Hotel Blatz at which the golf trophies were presented. Everything went along beautifully despite the bit of constraint among several of the fellows. And when Ken Means presented the Handicap Cup to Chris Iseley one could have almost knocked the former over with a feather, when Chris arose and, instead of voicing his thanks, stated that he felt because of the undercurrent of dissatisfaction which he had sensed among a number of the fellows, that he could not accept the cup. Immediately, Bouchard jumped to his feet saying that Chris had been his friend for years but that in spite of this friendship he felt that he ought to air his opinion that he had on several occasions noticed an inability on the part of Chris to count accurately on the golf course. Everyone was astounded at such unseemly remarks. Grand President Eastman, after hearing remarks from several of the brothers, suggested that this was evidently a case for the Grand Council. After

some informal discussion the matter was dropped so that Herman Smith could be presented with an extra large white handled cup as winner of the low putting score. Victor Werner received a box of rubber golf balls for garnering the greatest number of strokes. The festivities were drawing to a close when some one dropped a remark that finally brought out the facts about the whole Iseley business. That worthy and George Bouchard finally admitted that the whole thing had been carefully worked out by them as a novel means of entertainment for the evening. They certainly had the bunch guessing.

December brought our semi-annual dance which was very successful from every standpoint. Those who did not dance, played cards. Grand President Eastman displayed his old time form on the dance floor after having been indisposed for several months. Brothers Percy Clayy and D. Hayes, formerly of Minnesota Alpha, made their initial appearance at this party as members of Milwaukee Alumni Chapter.

We elected our officers for this year at our January meeting in the Y. M. C. A. after tackling a mighty good dinner. The following were elected: Roland A. Wiethaup, president; Chris Iseley, vice president; Arthur Wolff, secretary; C. R. Hill, treasurer; Kenneth D. Means and Irwin R. Witthuhn, executive committee. Chris Iseley is chairman of the entertainment committee and is assisted by Art Liebert, William Ouwenel, Karl Otto and Victor Werner. Frank Marasco is the publicity committee and you can judge for yourself how well he is upholding his end of the job by scanning the cartoons appearing in this issue. After cartooning for the Sig Eps he repairs to the office of the Wisconsin News and does some more of his stuff. We haven't seen much of Frank lately, but as soon as his family recovers its health he will again appear on the scene.

In March pretty close to thirty of the brothers did a keen bit of bowling after a heavy dinner at the Margaret Franklin Grill. A good turnout like this always enables Charley Hill to swell the treasury considerably.

— Roland R. Wiethaup.

AK-SAR-BEN ALUMNI CHAPTER

AK-SAR-BEN Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon is more active this year than ever before.

At our first dinner meeting of the year, held on January 6th at the new million

dollar Elks' Club, Leo R. Lowry was elected president, A. W. Walker, vice president, and W. J. Krug, secretary and treasurer.

We now have a total of thirty members with an average monthly attendance of fifteen.

Our regular monthly meetings are held on the first Friday of each month except during the months of June, July and August.

The program committee, consisting of three officers of the chapter, has arranged a very complete schedule for the year. It includes, besides the regular meetings, theatre parties, dinner dance parties given at the various Country Clubs, picnics, golf and bowling tournaments. To these various functions we invite the prospective youth who has or is about to graduate from high school and who intends to further his education at some college or university. All brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon are most cordially invited to attend any or all of our meetings and functions.

Occasionally we are honored by some brother who happens to be in the immediate neighborhood. Such was the fate recently of Red Layton, Nebraska Alpha, of Lincoln, Nebraska, who attended our February meeting. Red told us of some of his experiences at the Olympic games in Paris in 1924. He apparently is a man of many flags.

Perhaps a little local information would be of interest.

Doctors Purney and Slattery are still grinding out teeth for a living. Dr. Slattery is state golf champ and Purney runner-up. Lee Lowry is thrower-up, having charge of the inter-grade school basketball, being the referee. As physical instructor in South High, he says he is certainly making men out of boys.

E. A. Swanson and A. W. Walker are connected with the Nebraska Power Company. Swanson in the drafting room and Walker in the engineering field service.

H. J. Counsell, one of our new members, is connected with the General Electric Company. He hails from Kansas State University.

W. A. Wencel was recently promoted to Chief Accountant with the A. T. & T. and transferred to New York City.

Dr. J. W. Koutsky is the proud father of a baby girl, Donnett Joan, born November 16th of last year.

R. F. Wellman was recently married and is now living at 4516 Walnut street. He is taking an active part in the Advertising Selling League of Omaha.

Josie Larry Woodward still puts in eight hours per day at the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company. He has been taking care of all of our 'phone troubles.

G. R. VanSickle and G. A. Johnson are with the same company, the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company.

—W. J. Krug, Secretary,
544 Electric Bldg., Omaha, Neb.

TWIN CITIES ALUMNI CHAPTER

BI-MONTHLY luncheon meetings and occasional get-togethers at the chapter house are providing Sig Eps in the Twin Cities a chance to get better acquainted with one another. The luncheons are held the first and third Thursday noons of the month at the Golden Pheasant Inn, 52 South Seventh street, Minneapolis.

The Twin Cities Chapter is glad to welcome M. G. VanScoy, Iowa Beta, former president of the Omaha alumni chapter. Brother VanScoy is in charge of the construction of the new Cudahy Packing Company plant at Newport.

Saturday, March 27, marked the passing of two Minnesota Sig Eps from the ranks of the single men. Harold O. Hayes, now with the U. S. Gypsum Company of Chicago, was married to Miss Frances Henderson of Minneapolis on the same day that Wilson J. Kerr of the New York Life Insurance Company was united in marriage to Miss Anna Banks of Duluth. Both young ladies are Minnesota girls. Percy Clapp was Brother Hayes best man, while Don MacLennan attended Brother Kerr. Many Minnesota Alpha and other Sig Eps in town were guests.

DETROIT ALUMNI CHAPTER

DETROIT Alumni Chapter continues to carry on regularly—with "the faithful few."

The monthly dinner meetings have been attended by some twelve to twenty-five men. The plan of "prepaid" dinner has been tried out, but it seems the boys come out when they are disposed, regardless of "prepaid" costs. However small the attendance, the meetings have been interesting. The plan of "speaker from the ranks" has been continued. Bliss Wolfe, Kansas Alpha, gave two talks—one on his "troubles" in Europe while with Uncle Sam, and the other (Bliss is always ready on this topic), Detroit Real Estate Values. The latter talk was followed by a general discussion of future possibilities and prob-

abilities of Detroit. Fred Price, Kansas Alpha, gave us some worth-while information about "Book Publishers" and particularly the MacMillan Company—top-notchers in that field. Fred is Detroit representative of said Company. Card games after the meetings have been tried out, too. Poker seems to draw some of the boys more closely together.

The annual Detroit Alumni Chapter-Michigan Alpha Chapter banquet was held at the Wolverine Hotel in Detroit on December 18. The "faithful few" and a few more of both active and alumni were out for a good feed, program, etc. We had as our guest and principal speaker our Grand Vice President, Albert P. Dippold of Chicago. "Dip" certainly had his head and his pocket filled with statistics and facts on the doings and accomplishments of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and we heard many other bits of good news from him. The Detroit alumni and actives from Ann Arbor were mighty glad to meet Dippold, and to have heard his very worth-while address.

Fred Price was the gracious host (to the "faithful few") at a dinner dance at the Masonic Country Club on March 28. We ate well, danced late, and had a most pleasant evening as Fred's guests.

The wives' auxiliary plays bridge very enthusiastically every two weeks—the latest is that a \$15.00 cash surplus in the treasury is to be splurged on a big party for the husbands.

Athol Later, Michigan Alpha, '27, prosecuting attorney of Rigby, Idaho, was in Detroit over the Christmas holidays visiting his brother, "Curt." Later. Al may locate in Detroit some time in the near future.

"Wes" Picker, Indiana Alpha, is now the head of a family with one dependent, so we have lost Wes for a while. Strange! Jack Jordan has three, and rarely misses a meeting.

M. C. Burnside, West Virginia Beta, is now with the Hannan Real Estate Exchange in Detroit, Michigan.

Glen Cummings, Michigan Alpha, '20, has returned to Detroit to reside. He is doing financial editorial work with the New York News Bureau in the Ford building.

John Donovan, Michigan Alpha, '21, is now in the publicity department of the Detroit Trust Company.

At the last two meetings several of the boys were planning to get to the "Conclave" in August. Maybe we'll have a young caravan of our own.

—E. T. Pheny.

CHAPTER NEWS ARTICLES

FIRST DISTRICT

VERMONT ALPHA

WITH the coming of spring and the approach of junior week, Vermont Alpha has begun a systematic cleaning up of the grounds and house. The junior week house party is only three weeks away and the committee is busy, endeavoring to make it as successful as former parties have been.

The house flivers have come out and are ready for another season.

Plans are complete for the initiatory banquet which is to be held Saturday, April 17th.

Vermont Alpha has formed what we think is a rather unique idea for raising the academic average of the house as a whole. The house has been divided into two teams. At the end of each month, when the marks are posted, the team which has the greatest number of deficiencies has to buy the smokes for the other team, that is, each man on the losing team buys a package of cigarets every week for a man on the winning team. The element of pride enters in not a little in the working of this scheme.

The baseball team is shaping up rapidly into a finished product. From the house there are a number of men out. From last year's varsity we have Garrity, Sherman, Crowley, Scott and Ellis. In the freshmen we have Hourin, Simpson, Aime, O'Donnell, Emerson, Bedell and Rice.

With the gradual disappearance of snow from the track the squad will soon be on the track for their daily workouts instead of in the riding hall where they have been for the last month. We are represented by Osgood, Sullivan, Lawrence and Blair.

Vermont Alpha announces the initiation of the following men: Foley, Kimball, Kendall, Wiggin, Simpson, Danforth, Sullivan, Hartwell, Bedell, Furbush, Daley and Emerson.

—John S. Blair III.

VERMONT BETA

FOR the past few semesters Vermont Beta has been conducting a scholarship campaign to raise the scholarship average of the chapter. This has resulted in a gradual advancement from last place to third and second. But last semester, according to the marks recently issued by the registrar, Vermont Beta led all the other fraternities on the campus in scholarship.

E. V. Montandon was elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa, being the first member of the chapter to receive this honor, and one of five men from this year's class to be elected.

E. M. Hoyt won the college handball championship in the tournament conducted last month.

A. B. Hilliard was elected photographic manager of the "Kaleidoscope," the college year book.

The fraternity basketball team finished the season in a triple tie for third place. The team started off well, but injuries caused the loss of three men and greatly weakened the team.

Baseball and track are now holding sway on the campus. I. C. Keene, D. H. McLean, F. R. Lynch, and E. F. McLaughlin answered the call for baseball candidates and are trying for positions on the team. In track, the chapter is represented by L. W. Robinson, a cross-country and track letter man, supported by C. C. Jones, H. H. Jones, and D. H. Penn.

The annual initiatory banquet was held Monday, March 22, in honor of the twelve new members.

—E. V. Montandon.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA

AT a recent meeting of New Hampshire Alpha the newly elected officers were installed. The men who are to direct the chapter are: G. B. Blanchard, president; T. N. O'Rourke, vice president; F. C. Clokey, secretary; C. H. Haynes, treasurer; R. A. Wesselman, historian; H. B. Cummings, guard.

The Sig Eps have been rather active and at the same time fairly successful in

the campus inter-fraternity athletic events. The ski relay team, composed of R. W. Husband, M. J. Wright, H. B. Crawford, and L. A. Kenney, carried off first honors in the relays held during Dartmouth's annual winter carnival, and annexed a silver loving cup for the house. The basketballers with Miller as their luminary, stood the gall for two rounds of the interfraternity court tournament, being eliminated in the third round by the team that won the trophy. The track relay team survived the preliminaries in the annual turf classic, placing third in the finals. The natators, with R. W. Husband and G. P. Borglum garnering the majority of the points, succumbed in the second round of the swimming meet. And lest we forget, our bridge team, composed of J. S. H. Allis and F. K. Johnson, held their own in the first campus inter-house card tournament.

J. H. S. Allis has been elected to captain the varsity soccer team in their struggle for honors next fall.

H. B. Cummings and R. M. Haywood have been performing ably with the varsity track team in their winter campaign. Now that intensive training has begun for the outdoor season, six of the locals have donned the abbreviated togs and are working out with the squad. F. C. Clokey, W. F. Patience, H. G. McDonough, and A. B. Keleher, are the new additions to the ranks.

Among those aspiring to berths on the varsity baseball team are E. W. Miller and C. H. Haynes, both competing for the hurling assignment.

A. W. Knierim and J. S. H. Allis accompanied the glee club on a fourteen day concert tour during the spring vacation. H. A. Howe was chosen as one of the fortunate songsters but was unable to make the trip.

The chapter played host to a number of girls during the winter carnival, entertaining the fair sex at a tea dance and two formal hops during the week-end. A house party is being planned for the second week-end in May.

In preparation for the rushing season which takes place early next fall, the chapter has entertained a number of freshmen at two open houses held during the months of March and April.

—Roy A. Wesselman.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA

THE winter term found Massachusetts Alpha still maintaining her lead as a live fraternity on the campus, placing men

in leading positions in the various sports, social and academic activities.

Griffin proved the dark horse in basketball. At the end of the season he was third leading point scorer. Kelso was hailed by various New England newspapers as "Dead-eye Dick" for his never failing long distance basket shooting. Jensen also made his name in basketball history, proving to be a very valuable forward. All three men won the much-coveted "M."

In the social field Sigma Phi Epsilon placed two out of five men on the junior prom committee, namely, Connell and Griffin.

Soph-senior hop committee had to come to Sigma Phi Epsilon for its chairman. Connell edited the year book and was ably assisted by Merline as art editor and by several Sig Ep sophomores. Clark, Spencer and a pledge were elected to the college weekly paper.

In athletics this spring Griffin and Elliot are still on the varsity baseball squad. Trull, Voltsch, Sullivan and a pledge are out for spring football and look like good material for next fall varsity. Foley, Barnes, Hodson, Elliot and Ponzzi are showing their heels to competitors in spring track.

Grades have not been published as yet for the winter term, but from all indications Massachusetts Alpha should be among the leaders.

—Richard C. Foley.

SECOND DISTRICT

DELAWARE ALPHA

TWELVE men from this chapter are out for the track team. They are Captain Kramer, Lohman, Tremaine, Collins, Reese, Robbins, Nobis, Manns, Hanson, Bonsall, Rose, and Merrick. Of these twelve men Captain Kramer and Lohman are letter men, having earned their "D's" last year, or the year before. With such an aggregation at work, we surely should get our share of track honors this season.

Johnnie Robbins felt rather energetic this year and so he organized a swimming team at the university. The team showed up well for a newly organized one and the hopes for the future are very bright. The entire relay team was composed of men from Delaware Alpha. Only three men earned their "D-S's" but they are

from this house. They are Nobis, captain-elect for next year, Reybold, captain this year, and Reese.

Six of the Delaware Alphians are gambling about the baseball diamond this spring. These energetic young men are Lichtenstein, Hays, Maxwell, Moore, Roser, and Benson. Lichtenstein is the only letter man in the group, but we have hopes for some of the rest.

On the tennis courts are four more of the brothers. The racketeers are Garbutt, Johnson, Hoffecker, and Turner. Johnson is the only letter man. Garbutt is also manager.

Captain Wallace Dutcher and Manager Barkley have been able to get only one man, besides themselves, to go out for the rifle team. The goat is Manns, who was high scorer last year.

Delaware Alpha still stands in front with three major sport captains and two minor sport captains in one year. They are Kramer, track and football; Lichtenstein, basketball; Reybold, swimming; and Dutcher, rifle team. Two of our men are captain-elects for the coming year. They are Lohman, football, and Nobis, swimming.

Six men have succumbed to the lure of the footlights. They are Robbins, Reese, Nobis, Turner, Maxwell, and Tremaine. Maxwell and Tremaine are members of the Footlights Club.

Brother Romer will represent Delaware Alpha among the foreign study group which sails for France next June where they will stay for a year.

Hanson, Muhlig, Turner, and Nobis are on the editorial staff of the Review. Muhlig's editorials have received much attention at the Women's College.

Grand Secretary W. L. Phillips, of Richmond, Va., and of the grand chapter, paid us a short visit this winter. We enjoyed Brother Phillips' visit very much, and were sorry that he could not stay with us longer.

We have had two house parties this spring. They both appeared to be good parties since most of the brothers had skinned shins after the affairs were over. The brothers who do not Charleston seemed to be in the worse condition.

Last week we held our elections and elected the following men: Mark Donohue, president; Earl Weggenmann, vice president; Francis Neide, secretary; B. K. Tremaine, historian; Samuel Wharry, treasurer; Coppock, guard; Reybold and Maier, marshals. We are now all set for next year, and prospects appear unusually bright for the near future.

Out of the letters for basketball for the past season we received three of the "D's" awarded. Captain Lichtenstein, Manager Hays, and Coppock each earned his letter.

Our chapter basketball team was very successful this past season, but not as successful as we hoped they would be. They finished second place in the pan-hellenic contest as they did last year. We are going out and fight hard for first place next year.

We will lose eleven men by graduation this June, and since some of the rest are in doubt whether or not they will come back next fall, it appears that we will not be as crowded in the house next year as we have been this year.

—J. Francis Neide.

WEST VIRGINIA BETA

AFTER an Easter vacation that was filled with many activities principally social, the members of West Virginia Beta are ready to jump into the "old stride" and entertain hopes for a fair future. Another year is about finished and to say the least it has been exceedingly successful for us.

The re-election of Daniel D'Aiuto for the coming year works a distinct change in precedent and speaks well for Dan. He has always been faithful to West Virginia Beta and has in years gone by sacrificed considerable for us.

The recent purchase of a new Baldwin grand piano has but one meaning—music. Overt Halloran, leader of "The Villagers," a popular school orchestra, is our mover of the chords. Halloran, in addition to his leadership of this orchestra, has written both the words and music for a new university "fight" song that has been officially adopted by the student body.

Formal initiation was held on February 21. Our membership was increased by fourteen men, making a total active membership of thirty-nine for the year. At present we have seven pledges who are working consistently to make the average for the spring initiation.

Bob Edwards was here for a stay of three days a short time ago. We certainly appreciated the stories he told of other chapters and especially were we impressed by his relating of the facts concerning the wonderful growth and development of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Our annual spring formal will be held on May 7, at the Armory and if it is as successful as our fall formal—well—it will sure be some dance. All Eig Eps are in-

vited to attend and share in West Virginia Beta's last big time of this school year.

Harmony and equality in all activities has been encouraged in the house and as a result athletics comes in for its full share. Glenn has been a regular on the varsity basketball team all year and has made his second "W. V.," Aside from this he was second high-point man on the squad all season. Summers was an active member of the varsity squad and he and Glenn are expected to hold down two of the five berths next year.

Coach Steve Harrick and his squad of wrestlers must come in for some praise here. Steve has achieved victories over Penn, Navy and Illinois. On the plebe team in the unlimited class George Nixon, a wrestler of merit, has prepared for himself a fine chance for landing on Coach Harrick's mat team next year. Recently at Penn State, Nixon threw his opponent in 57 seconds for a new record.

Steve is head coach of the frosh baseball nine and he has two likely candidates from the house. They are Bill Harrick and a pledge, and both should easily make their numerals.

Captain D'Aiuto has been practicing on the boards all winter and he expects to break not only his own collegiate records but his tri-state records as well. Glenn is sure of a letter from his efforts on the hurdles, the broad jump and high jump, making for West Virginia Beta a sophomore three letter man.

— Thomas B. Brafford.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA

ALTHOUGH not represented on any of Penn State's winter sport teams, the local chapter had several promising candidates out for these teams and next season will undoubtedly find Sig Eps holding down positions on them. The high light of the long and varied indoor program was the intercollegiate wrestling association's annual meet held in the armory the week-end of March 19. Sigma Phi Epsilon was represented in the tourney by Captain Best of Lehigh, Captain Buttery of Princeton, and the two Servais, one of whom is coach, the other a member of Pennsylvania's mat squad. The first two became champions in their respective classes as a result of their fine wrestling throughout the meet. Jack Eldridge made

a fine showing on the frosh wrestling team. He is sure material for the 125-pound class next year. In the interfraternity wrestling series our team put up a great bid for the cup, only to be beat out in the end by the more experienced contenders from the Sigma Pi house. With our entire team returning to school next fall, chances for our success in this sport seem very bright one year from now.

Of all the sports offered at State this spring, lacross takes first place in our eyes. With Burt Hackett as captain, Bill House a regular and Irv Allen first assistant manager, the reason for our special interest is apparent. Moreover we have two men out for the managerial end of the team whose chances seem more than good. We are backing Kline and Stump to the limit in their battle for these jobs.

Pratt is out for the baseball manager-ship, while Eldridge and Buchanan are going after similar berths on the football staff. A pledge is a scholarship baseball men. His curves and drops are bound to win a place on the frosh team and bid fair to win him fame in college baseball.

April 10 we tried something new in the social line. We threw a kid dance. All the fellows and girls dressed as in the tender teens. The affair went over well. In the near future we will have our annual mothers' house party. This party has become a regular event on the yearly program and is always looked forward to with a great deal of enthusiasm and pleasure by the boys. Besides the mothers' party, we have the junior prom and June house party to come in the near future.

During the winter we have had the pleasure of entertaining several visiting brothers, among them were Brothers Harrick and Nixon of West Virginia Beta and Brother Fernandez of Pennsylvania Epsilon.

— Oliver S. Anderson.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON

AS the year progresses Pennsylvania Epsilon is taking its share of the honors offered to the ambitious men of Leigh. Ralph Best, our star 125-pound wrestler, has retained his title as intercollegiate champion this year. George Kennedy was recently elected business manager of the "Brown and White," the university's weekly paper, while Ward Wiegand was elected assistant manager of wrestling. To prove that the fraternity has at least a

few good students, Wilham Easterbrook was just elected to Tau Beta Pi. Neither is this crowd lacking in the art of entertaining, as it has three representatives in the chorus of the "Mustard and Cheese," the college show; Fred Brill, Gerald Wilt and Jack Haitsh holding these positions, while "Jimmy" Bair is the stage electrician, and Herbert Rich the stage manager. Reg Pitts has been holding down the hot corner on the baseball nine and has just returned with the team from its southern trip. Pennsylvania Epsilon's efforts do not cease here as it ever pushes on to the higher goals; Al Harris is out for assistant manager of baseball, Harold Dotter for the same position with the track squad, while Arthur McNickel is trying to make the frosh baseball nine.

The chapter has just elected its new officers for the coming term with the following results: Ralph Best, president; Edward Oswald, vice president; George Kennedy, Secretary; Reginald Pitts, historian; Allen and Bair, marshals; Joseph Forbes, guard.

The chapter has been considerably strengthened and fortunate in initiating nine good men on February 21, and pledging three more since that time. It has added some furniture to its new home and is planning some improvements when the means will allow. At present the members are looking forward to the spring house party which will be held April 29, 30 and May 1.

The fair damsels will come from near and far to enjoy the many festivities which Leigh will offer, and from the looks of the pictures on the dressers about the house, there certainly should be a good crowd of the fair sex.

Brothers Alford, Berg, Snyder, Fernandez, Gallagher and Crawford have visited the chapter recently. We are glad to see our brothers at any time they may chance to stop in and we hope more of them will do so in the future.

—R. S. Pitts.

Traveling Secretary Bob Edwards arrived March 14, and paid us a visit of several days. In his official capacity Brother Edwards corrected whatever errors the chapter had fallen into, and gave us valuable information concerning Sig Ep policies and traditions.

In athletics the chapter has been doing fairly well. The close of the intramural basketball season found us with a score of four games won, and three lost, while we ranked fourth in the interfraternity swimming meet. Hanley was awarded a letter at the close of the varsity season, for manager of the basketball team. The field house every evening presents the appearance of a Sig Ep meeting. Eleven active members and three pledges are out for track and field events, and several of the new men are conspicuously first-class material.

At the last "call" of Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering fraternity, F. W. Cook, president of the science senate and vice president of the junior class in his school, was called to the ranks of those whose engineering ability is recognized by membership in this organization. At the March initiation of Alpha Rho Chi, professional architectural fraternity, Magill, Ropp, Wagner and Twohig became members of this society. Magill and Ropp are the first students of interior decoration to be received since Alpha Rho Chi has extended its membership to include the arts allied to architecture.

Preparations are now under way for campus week, the three days celebration in May. Alpha Rho Chi is offering a silver cup for the most effectively decorated fraternity house, and for this reason more effort than usual is being directed toward achieving striking and unusual decoration.

In March we were visited for a few days by Brothers House and Weber, Pennsylvania Eta, and Brothers Morgan and Lemon, Ohio Alpha.

—L. V. Twohig.

PENNSYLVANIA THETA

INITIATION, track and tennis have occupied the attention of the chapter since the last issue of the JOURNAL. At the mid-year initiation, held February 26, twelve neophytes were received into Sigma Phi Epsilon, and on the following Friday a dance was held in their honor at the chapter house. The pledge roll was, by this initiation, reduced to six, but since this time three new men have been pledged

NEW YORK ALPHA

IN the spring sports program on the campus of Syracuse University, New York Alpha is right on top as usual. Captain Thomas Ringwood, '26, and Peck, '28, are on the baseball team which will open its season during Easter week in the southland. Coach Ten Eyck's tentative crews find Gordon Fitch, '27, stroking and Nelson, '27, in the bow of the varsity. Robert Hoople, '26, ex-captain of the soccer team, is rowing No. 4, and

Rosser, '27, has been assigned to the bow of the Jay Vee, after a long season with the championship basketball team. Neil Reed, '25, last year's commodore, is assisting Coach Ten Eyck in whipping the crews into shape. Four frosh from the house have survived the cuts so far, and look promising as future oarsmen. Albert Gottlieb, '26, captain of Syracuse University's intercollegiate championship cross country team, and better known as the runner who defeated Paavo Nurmi last year, looms up as a sure point scorer on Coach Keane's spring track team. "Al" was recently awarded the Robin Hood cup in the New York State College of Forestry.

In the minor sports we find Thompson, '26, as captain of the golf team, and Paul Tanner, '26, and Peck '28, as high scorers on the championship bowling team. Rosser, '27, and Peter Zorzi, '28, have been doing some boxing and Holden, '27, has been acting as manager of the boxing team.

The interfraternity sport contests on the hill find S. P. E. as one of the four league champions in basketball and bowling.

Spring social activities are getting under way with Herbert Van Blarcom, '27, as chairman of the junior prom committee, and Rosser, '27, as chairman of the decoration committee for the regatta ball.

It might be interesting to note that Dr. Leon Sutton has returned from China where he was director of the Syracuse-in-China unit. Dr. Sutton was right on desk with an old time good speech at the annual initiation banquet.

—Earl T. Kempton.

NEW YORK BETA

WITH the spring recess interrupting the normal progress of affairs, and most of the chapter's activities still hanging fire in the form of competitions yet undecided, little news is available from New York Beta at this time. However, idleness cannot be laid at our door, by any means.

We are especially glad to announce the election of Fred R. Dorner to Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering fraternity. Dorner received his A. B. degree as a member of the class of 1925 and is now working for an M. E. degree, which he expects to get in 1927. Robert D. Wilder, '27, has also been honored by election to Eta Kappa Nu, honorary electrical engineering society.

The first of the class of 1928 to conclude his competition successfully is Roger W. Jones, who has recently been elected assistant manager of the Cornell musical clubs. This position, which is decided after a year of competing, automatically leads to the managership next year.

Debating has claimed the attention of Ethan K. Stevens, '27, for a long time, and he was a member of the team representing the University against Columbia in a recent debate here in Ithaca. Although the home team was not awarded the decision, we feel sure that it was because the vote of the audience was on the merits of the topic, "Prohibition," alone, and not on the debaters' points.

New York Beta is about to publish what we hope will be a good example for other chapters: an alumni directory. Under the leadership of Fred Dorner, the committee in charge has sent out to all the alumni questionnaires on their present occupations and addresses. Most of these have been returned now, and the directory will be published shortly.

The annual meeting of the corporation of the New York Beta will be held on May 1st, when the election of new chapter officers and the chapter accounts will be ratified.

—Robert M. Leng.

MICHIGAN ALPHA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

THIRD DISTRICT

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALPHA

TO be true to form it must necessarily be stated at the beginning that spring has come and that exams are over, both bringing peace and happiness to the minds of members of the District of Columbia Alpha. This burden removed, we can, with clear conscience, turn to the news of the chapter.

On March 17th we held our annual installation banquet. We knew in advance that it was going to be a success for the incomparable "Billy" was there. "Billy," by the way, has not yet missed one of our installation banquets. He was ably supplemented by Bob Edwards, who managed to plan his trips to include the banquet. Twelve initiates were presented to them and to the alumni present.

In school activities we feel quite sure that this year will be as much of a success

for this chapter as those in the past have been. One moan we leave behind us until next year affords the opportunity of retrieving a lost honor, for, woe unto us, we did not win the interfraternity bowling cup. We wanted a mate for last year's cup but the fates were agin' us though the team practiced valiantly.

The first in the field for us is the interfraternity relay cup. We stand a very strong chance of taking the honors for three of the men on last year's winning team are again out for the team. These men, Mount, Corbin, and Ketcham, are training hard and defy any of the other brothers to usurp their places. A number of dark horses are trying for the fourth place.

In baseball we regret the loss of a man whose masterful pitching has aided materially in bringing in several cups, Don Johnson. Don is out of school now and is an addition to the medical staff at Walter Reed Hospital. As coach, however, we expect him to pick a strong nine.

A mainstay in our tennis team, Bert Law, fell foul of the surgeon's knife and will not be able to play. Law was captain of the university team last year and will make an able coach.

With the rifle team we have Baxter Smith and Walter Slavik, who have just completed a successful indoor season. Both look forward to a change to the outdoor range where they are at their best. Slavik, by the way, stood very high in the national rifle matches at Camp Perry this summer.

Thomas K. Mount and Howard Eager are appearing in a series of plays presented by the Mimes, the local dramatic society. A pledge is singing first bass on the university glee club.

Two other pledges are seeking track honors, one in the discus event and the other in the sprints.

Graham Fly, our "very fraternity man," has returned from visits to several chapters with such reports of welcome and entertainment that the rest of us were nearly envious. Brother Fly visited the Illinois, Purdue, Ohio State, and Ohio Wesleyan chapters.

In the name of a greater George Washington University we are pleased to announce that the board of trustees has authorized the building of unit number 3 of the proposed building plan. When the plan is completed this section of the university will present a beautiful quadrangle of Colonial architecture surrounding the entire block.

Many plans are being made for the complete attendance of local alumni and active members to the Silver Jubilee at Richmond in August. We are preparing for a steady stream of visitors at the house during the Jubilee and can assure them a hearty welcome and a pleasant time during their stay with us.

—James Macnab Boyd.

VIRGINIA ALPHA

ENTERING the spring term of the present session with twenty-five men, all of whom are actively engaged in some form of college activity, Virginia Alpha has the brightest outlook it has known for years. In athletics, scholarship, general, and literary activities, the individuals have contributed much for the honor of the chapter.

At the close of the past football season, T. Ryland Sanford, veteran end, was chosen captain of the 1926 team. Sanford has made two letters in football. Taylor Sanford, brother to Ryland, played varsity tackle and has been acclaimed by many as the most promising player on the team. Herbert Peterson proved a star halfback, while C. Earle Hoshall earned the managerial emblem. In all, more letters were awarded to members of Sigma Phi Epsilon than to those of any other fraternity. Nevitt Sanford held a regular berth on the freshman squad.

In basketball, Herbert Peterson won the laurels by ending the season leading the state of Virginia in scoring. He was recently chosen by a southern coach as second all-Southern forward, and with two years more to play, his work is being eagerly watched. Taylor Sanford won his letter at center while Lee Gaskins received the coveted award at guard. These men will be the nucleus around which Coach Dobson must build his team next year.

In baseball, Rouse is playing shortstop, while R. Sanford, T. Sanford, and Mattox are members of the varsity squad. Robinson is manager and L. James Harmanson assistant manager. In track, H. Sanford and Hoshall are striving for positions on the squad, while Vandegrift is assistant manager.

C. H. Robinson was recently elected to membership in Omicron Delta Kappa, national honorary fraternity, which bases its selection upon general campus activities. Robinson has been very active in college during the past three years. He is also a member of Tau Kappa Alpha, forensic honorary society.

In the past student body elections, Ry-

land Sanford was elected to the Student Council, upon which membership is considered one of the biggest honors on the campus. Harmanson and Gaskins were successful in the recent Y. M. C. A. elections, bringing in for the chapter two out of the five offices. These two brothers represented the University of Richmond at the "Y" conference held at the University of Virginia on April 2-4, being very favorably impressed by the kindnesses and hospitality accorded them by Virginia Eta.

Socially, Virginia Alpha has been going forward. The mid-winter informal dance was given at the Woman's Club of Richmond on February 27. Representatives from all Virginia chapters as well as a good number of the alumni who reside in Richmond, were present. In May, a boat trip is to be held down the James, while a house dance will be given during commencement week.

Upon return from spring vacation, the chapter found at its disposal a canoe, furnished by the alumni board, and during the past month, all spare hours were spent on the lake. It is fervently hoped that the canoe will in no way affect scholarship. Unquestionably enjoyment is conducive to fraternity spirit.

—R. Ben Cheatham.

VIRGINIA ALPHA

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VIRGINIA EPSILON

SOME people are actors and others are writers, but when both of these qualities are combined in the same person we have genius. The success of the Easter troubadour show depended to an unusual degree upon MacDonough. He not only played the comedian's part to perfection but also contributed a healthy portion to the writing of the show, which is probably the best musical comedy that has ever been presented by the organization.

Again we must heap upon Bill Davis due credit for his enviable achievements on the cinder path. You can't keep the Generals down and especially when they have as a captain such a man as Davis. Not only did he carry off first place in the low and high hurdles in the meet with Duke University, but he also won the 220-yard dash. And in the meet with the University of North Carolina he won first place in the high hurdles and broke the southern intercollegiate record in low hurdles.

The time is drawing near when "The

Calyx," the university annual, will blossom forth in all its magnificence. Carl Knight is editor of the publication this year.

We must not overlook Eugene Jackson and the contribution he has made to the scholarship of the fraternity by making the Honor Roll. We suffer a big loss this year in losing Jackson for we need never be ashamed of his grades. He didn't let the fact that he was a senior cause him to slow down on his work.

Another senior that is up and at it is Himan Johnson. Hiram is no "oil can" but nevertheless he is in the process of turning out a mighty product of his mighty pen in the form of a thesis on "Production and Marketing of Fuel Oil." This work promises to be better than the ordinary and his work on it so far has received worthy commendation.

Turning again to athletics we must not forget to mention Frank McCluer. Frank was runner-up in his class in wrestling in the intramural contests.

Finals are fast approaching and alumni will be returning to join in the festivities. The social committee is planning a party during finals and if this one is as good as the one last year it will be worth returning for. Alumni should look forward to the welcome and good times which await them from their chapter.

And finally a word should be said about the officers for next year. We have combined in them both the necessary ability and the willingness to work. With C. T. Smith as president and Roscoe Thomas as comptroller we are in good shape to make things hum next year.

—Joe Clower, Jr.

VIRGINIA ZETA

SINCE the publication of the last JOURNAL, Randolph-Macon College has experienced the inauguration of lacrosse as a minor sport. When the team journeyed to Charlottesville to play University of Virginia in the first intercollegiate match ever staged in this state, Virginia Zeta had four representatives on the squad, Amory, Freeman, Stevenson and Massie. As this fascinating sport bids fair to become even more popular here, Virginia Zeta is destined to have several of its members win the coveted "R-M" when the game becomes a major sport.

On the Jacket 1926 baseball squad Virginia Zeta has Sam Tune, a letter man from last year, who is ably holding down his old position at shortstop. Acey, Van Pelt and Shirkey are the chapter's other

representatives on the squad, the last two being pitchers. These men are giving their competitors a race for their positions and the prospects are that by the end of the season another baseball letter will be added to the chapter's collection.

On returning from Christmas holidays, Virginia Zeta was fortunate in pledging two men. These men have already proved valuable members and are doing their part to keep the chapter in campus activities. One is president of the freshman class.

In the glee club and orchestra, two of the most popular of the campus organizations, the chapter has six men. Acey is president and Bob Wood has been elected recently as manager for next year.

Through the efforts of Don Dorey, secretary of the debate council, the school has been able to arrange a very complete schedule of debates for the spring term. Brother Dorey is on the debating team and has shown his ability as a debator on several previous occasions. The team recently debated the University of Wyoming "Cowboys" here and are now on a trip north where they will meet American University, University of Pennsylvania, and Syracuse University.

Bill Jeffries and Bob Wood are Virginia Zeta's men on the staff of the weekly publication, "The Yellow Jacket."

We were saving the best for the last and here it is: Finally, after much economy and sacrifices, and after experiencing many inconveniences, Virginia Zeta feels that Sigma Phi Epsilon is reasonably assured of a house at Randolph-Macon by next September. A piece of property has already been investigated and a fine location in Ashland is the prospect for our permanent home. The chapter is planning a big reunion of its alumni in June and it is hoped that by that time the house will have been purchased and all arrangements made for occupation next fall.

—Francis G. Lankford, Jr.

VIRGINIA ETA

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NORTH CAROLINA BETA

WITH mid-term exams and Easter vacation past history for the school and chapter, North Carolina Beta begins the spring semester with twenty-four active members on the chapter's roll call.

At the regular chapter meeting the past Monday night, the chapter officers for the coming year were elected. Albert Dough-

erty will be the president for the coming year; Faircloth, vice president; White, treasurer; Sullivan, secretary; Coley, historian; and Woolen, guard. The marshals will be selected later.

Dougherty was selected to represent the chapter at the coming Conclave and Faircloth is to be alternate. The chapter is greatly interested in the Conclave and expects to be represented 100 per cent strong.

Our annual initiation was held on March 29 and 30 when six men were initiated. With the three men initiated earlier in the year, our new men brings the total number of initiates for the year to nine.

The three North Carolina chapters of Sigma Phi Epsilon gave their annual dance at the Washington Duke Hotel in Durham on the evening of February 26, from 9 p. m. to 3 a. m. The dance was well attended by North Carolina Sig Eps, many alumni being in attendance. The feminine part of the dance was drawn from the Carolinas and Virginia. Chaperones were some of the most prominent men and women of Durham and Raleigh. The affair was a great success and greatly strengthened our determination to keep it going through the years to come. We hope to make it an annual gathering of North Carolina Sig Eps and visiting brothers.

A farewell party was given by the members of the chapter in honor of Ed Rufty who graduated at mid-term. Rufty, during his stay at North Carolina State, became one of the most popular men on the campus and was affiliated with a large number of the honorary organizations of the campus. He is now engaged as a salesman for a paint house, traveling out of Greensboro.

During the Easter dances, North Carolina Beta gave a feed at the Woman's Club in honor of the new initiates. The dinner was held early in the evening, and then to the final ball of Easter at the college gymnasium.

North Carolina Beta's intramural basketball team was not successful in the winning of games but always offered plenty of opposition as indicated by the closeness of the scores. Baseball, swimming, and tennis teams are being selected and we have great hopes of winning out in one or more of these sports. Faircloth is in charge of baseball, De Loache, tennis, and Watson swimming.

White is out for varsity pitching corps and Coley is out for manager.

A new organization has been formed

on the campus, the "13" Club. Nowell being one of the charter members.

The graduating members of North Carolina Beta this year are Ed Rufty, R. O. Beam, J. P. Nowell, J. P. Darby, E. C. De Loache, Henry Seawell, J. C. Clifford, R. H. Webb and P. O. May. These men represent all the schools in the college and constitute the largest graduating class in the history of North Carolina Beta. Their loss will be keenly felt as they are representative of practically all honoraries on the campus and they leave many places to be filled by the younger members of the chapter.

—Henry M. Coley.

NORTH CAROLINA GAMMA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

NORTH CAROLINA DELTA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

FOURTH DISTRICT

OHIO GAMMA

AT the beginning of the spring quarter, Ohio Gamma found its ranks slightly depleted as a result of the decision of several brothers not to return to school. The pledging committee has been active in the last two weeks and as a result two men have been pledged.

The chapter has fully recovered from the financial difficulties which were incurred during the past year and all indications point to the termination of the school year with colors flying.

Our basketball team composed of Bradley, Nichols, Llewellyn, Stahl, Phillips, Kreglow, and Reuter, added another trophy to our already large collection, by annexing a league championship. The boys worked hard to whip the team into shape and were given splendid support by the rest of the brothers. But this is past history, and all attention is turned at present to playground ball. Two games have been played and won, the victims being Delta Tau Delta and Alpha Sigma Phi. The latter was an eleven-inning affair in which Underwood displayed his talents as a pitcher, the final score being 4-3.

Gilsdorf is senior baseball manager and has just returned from a week's trip through the South with the team. Porter is active in Bucket and Dipper, junior

honorary society, which is a constant menace to freshmen not abiding by the school traditions. Bradley and Newcomer are on the varsity tennis squad. Blume is on the varsity polo team.

The plans for Mothers' Day, May 9, have been completed. The mothers will be entertained at the house on the Saturday evening before and the house will be turned over to them for their use. A dinner for actives, pledges, and their parents will be served Sunday at noon. This way of honoring Mothers' Day is a tradition of the Ohio Gamma chapter, and one to which the chapter looks forward.

At the last house dance we had the pleasure of entertaining a number of brothers from the Ohio Epsilon chapter. This is a step forward in creating a closer bond of fellowship between the two chapters and we are expecting and hoping that our Wesleyan brothers will visit us again soon.

—E. H. Newcomer.

OHIO ALPHA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

OHIO EPSILON

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

INDIANA ALPHA

INITIATION this spring will be duly welcomed by all initiated men as the termination of a delicate situation that has confronted Indiana Alpha this season, namely, the handling of twenty pledges by fourteen initiates. Of this unwieldy number, all but one will be awarded the badge of Sigma Phi Epsilon, a condition most gratifying to us.

By the recent selection of Harry Krugel as manager of the Little Theatre Players we have established an enviable record in that organization.

The chapter is now directing its immediate attention and effort in the endeavor to enter a championship team in the intramural baseball competition. The trophy awarded in this sport would becomingly grace any fraternity mantel, and our anticipation for likely possession is arousing unusual interest.

Our unfortunate scholastic standing has discouraged indulgence in our customary social activities; but on the records of our pledges we embrace sincere hopes for our reinstatement into the upper scholastic group.

At the recent junior alumni party an

enjoyable and memorable week-end was inaugurated with a most enticing banquet. The certainty of this event has created its recognition as an annual affair. The festivities are shared jointly by the graduates of the last ten years and the active chapter. Following the banquet the entertainment was varied; the following day many stiff joints and red knees were in evidence. Already we are anticipating the occurrence of this party next year. The opportunity for reminiscence and the renewal of old associations affords great pleasure and is as a binding stimulant to the brotherhood.

—H. W. Marsh.

ILLINOIS ALPHA

THE new house still remains a center of attraction for Illinois Alpha. It has now taken definite form and already stands out as an unusual handsome edifice. It will be completed by the opening of the next school year.

One of the most entertaining stunts of recent years was "The Sig Ep Cabaret," which was selected from over twenty synopses to appear on the post-exam jubilee bill, where it won second prize and a handsome silver cup. The talent, pep, and attractive appearance of the stunt gained a good deal of favorable comment. Another notable achievement in the dramatic line was the selection of two Sig Eps, Matusek and Ringel, for parts in Mask and Bauble's production of "Saint Joan" by George Bernard Shaw. Matusek will play the Dauphin, an excellent part, and one which offers many opportunities. Ringel will take the part of the Gentleman in the epilogue.

Ringel is a charter member of a newly formed musical honorary society, Rho Chi Sigma. Philomathean of Kappa Phi Sigma elected him vice president of the organization, and made Mitchell representative to the Star Course Board. The latter has been recently elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Upsilon.

On the baseball team's southern trip Joe Barta is distinguishing himself as a most efficient pitcher for the closing innings of a game. The house has many representatives on the freshman athletic team: Bowersox and Arends are out for baseball, Rafferty and Kurz for golf, and Stine and Amey for track. A pledge was awarded numerals for his work on the gym team. Weber and his partner won first in doubles tumbling at the intramural carnival.

The relative ranking of fraternities on

the campus has just been announced. It shows that Sigma Phi Epsilon is now in the upper fourth of national social fraternities, occupying fourteenth place. This is nine places higher than last semester.

James P. Mitchell II.

FIFTH DISTRICT

GEORGIA ALPHA

GEORGIA Alpha will be represented at the Richmond Conclave in August by Tex Barrett, vice president of the chapter. Alfred Law was selected as alternate.

Spring elections to the various honorary Clubs and societies on the campus have been held recently, and Georgia Alpha has its usual quota of representatives in these organizations. The Bulldogs, an honorary society of prominent upperclassmen, have initiated two of our brothers, Tex Barrett and Dooley Hulsey. Patrick Bates was honored with election to Skull and Key, the sophomore society.

Tex Barrett has also been taken into Alpha Delta Sigma, national advertising fraternity. John LeBey is pledged to Scabbard and Blade.

For many years Georgia Alpha has been represented among the officers of the glee club, and next year will be no exception, Law having been chosen to fill the position of business manager. Law served as assistant manager this year, and his excellent work in this capacity caused him to be promoted.

The strongest baseball team that has been turned out in recent years at Georgia Tech is under the leadership of a Sig Ep, Robert Reeves being the captain of this outfit. Reeves is playing his third and final year as varsity shortstop and is putting up a strong bid for all-southern honors. In addition to his brilliant fielding, he is leading the team in batting and has collected eight home runs in ten games.

Our baseball talent is not confined strictly to the varsity, for we also have two men on the freshman nine. Patrick Bates is one of the regular pitchers, and a pledge is playing second base.

Barrett and Govan are indulging in Tech's newest sport, la crosse, and both are on the varsity squad.

An event of great benefit to all fraternity men at Tech was the interfraternity banquet, which was held recently, and which was attended by the majority of fraternity men at Tech. A real spirit of

fellowship and co-operation among the various fraternities was evident at this occasion, and it is planned to make this an annual affair.

Georgia Alpha's basketball team made a better showing in the annual tournament this year than it has made in some time. After several hard practices, a fast little team was picked and succeeded in winning the first two games with ease, only to lose out in the round before the semi-finals by a close score. Baseball practice is now holding sway, and we are planning to put a strong nine in the field in an effort to cop the championship.

Figures recently released by the school officials show that Georgia Alpha stood fifth among twenty fraternities in the race for the scholarship cup during the last half of last year and the first half of this year. This cup is awarded each spring to the fraternity having the least average number of deficiencies, and was the property of Georgia Alpha two years ago.

The fathers of Sig Eps who attend the annual Dad's Day on May 1 will be honored by the chapter with a smoker at the chapter house. Dad's Day was inaugurated last year and will be an annual event. Last year a great number of the dads attended, and we are expecting many more this year.

—Jas. H. Groves, Jr.

ALABAMA ALPHA

ON March 23 Alabama Alpha held her election of officers for the scholastic year 1926-27, and on March 30 these duly elected officers were installed. For the first time in the history of the chapter one man, R. G. Carter, was unanimously chosen to lead the chapter in his senior year. Carter is a member of Stags, Thendara, Yellow Dogs, Bovines, Scabbard and Blade and various other organizations on the campus.

Bland and Curry were recently initiated into the realm of society through the medium of Stag Interfraternity.

It seems that Alabama Alpha is destined to continue to hold her prominent place in senior honor societies as three of the brothers were recently elected Scabbard and Blade, the first of the honor organizations on the campus to elect men for next year. This year's senior class leaves quite a target for next year's dignified group; the latest acquisition of prominence by this year's seniors being the election of William Gray to the position of president of the Student Council, the most powerful body in school.

Tuxworth and Tamplin are now showing their ability as followers of the cinder path. This is Tamplin's first year varsity and his time in both the 220 and 440 is close to the school record. Tamplin with a little more experience, bids fair to become one of Auburn's stellar track men. This is also Tuxworth's first year of varsity track but from all indications he seems to have everything his way in the broad jump. His prospects of developing into a star performer are also bright.

In baseball Ellis is going like a big leaguer. As is the case with most of Auburn's athletes this year Ellis is a sophomore and with a little more coaching promises to become one of the best center fielders in college ball. He is also one of the flashiest forwards in southern basketball. His ability and popularity were proven by his election as captain for the year 1926-27.

The chapter enjoyed the visit of Silas Creech of Florida Alpha during the recent Florida-Alabama Polytechnic Institute debate, which, due to the eloquence of Creech, was won by Florida.

The chapter will be dealt a hard blow when seven seniors graduate this year; more than we have lost from that cause in a number of years. All of these men have been in the chapter four years and each one has held an important position in the fraternity. There will be a feeling of sadness when these men go forth to return no more as active members of Alabama Alpha.

—Otis H. DeVaughn.

TENNESSEE ALPHA

TENNESSEE Alpha has partially reached two goals that it has always been striving to attain. First, it has raised its scholastic standing in the university from eleventh, or bottom place, to the fifth place. It was on the bottom for three semesters. Second, it has purchased a lot on which it plans to build a new house next fall. The lot is in a new part of town which is restricted to only the best. Plans are to start work this fall on a modern \$50,000 fraternity house. The lot is placed in a very commanding location. It is on the top of a hill directly behind an open park. It can be seen for many blocks in three directions. Tennessee Alpha will be the first chapter in its district to own and build its own home.

The University of Tennessee went through its basketball season with mediocre success, winning a few more than half of its games. Three Sig Eps were on the

squad and two received letters, one of them for the second time. James Cooley is the veteran Sig Ep on the team and was picked to captain the quintet next year. If everything moves along smoothly he should have a very successful year while he is captain. Most of the letter men will return, and several freshmen with unusual skill will graduate to the varsity track. One of these, William Browder, is a Sig Ep, and was the high point man on the frosh team in every game.

At the time of the writing of this news letter, Tennessee has only played one baseball game. It resulted in a victory for the Vols. Two Tennessee Alpha Sig Eps played in the game, one at third base, and the other at center field. They are Gus Johnson, and Fred Brown, respectively. A third is on the squad as a pitcher, George Morris. He is a very clever player, but is ineligible at present. Luther Bewley, also a Sig Ep, is manager of the team.

The annual Sig Ep dance given in the university gym was acclaimed by all as a successful affair.

Last fall Tennessee Alpha placed more men on the "Carnival" staff than did any other fraternity on the "Hill," and this spring with nine on the "Circus" staff Tennessee Alpha is again leading the Greeks. At the beginning of last semester two more Sig Eps joined the university R. O. T. C. band, making a total of five in the organization.

In one week from the time of this writing the annual election of officers for the All-Students' Club and class officers will be held. Although Tennessee Alpha only circulated two petitions for its own members for officers, it might be interesting to note that when the petitions were counted and checked that four Sig Eps were on the various ballots.

Tennessee's glee club takes a long spring tour the last of April, taking in all the big towns in Tennessee from Knoxville to Memphis. Four Sig Eps will take this trip with the club this spring.

As the present school year draws to a close the Volunteer Sig Eps are getting a stronger hold in many of the activities on the campus, and especially on the publications. Next September the editor-in-chief, one of the assistant managing editors, and an assistant business manager of the university newspaper will be Sig Eps; under them will be two Sig Ep reporters. On the annual staff the business and assistant business manager will be Sig Eps, as will be also the assistant editor-in-chief and the athletic editor. One of the five

students on the "Law Review" will be Sig Eps.

Since the last issue of the JOURNAL, Sig Eps from Tennessee Alpha have been initiated into the following honorary and professional fraternities: Delta Sigma Pi, Phi Delta Phi, and Pi Delta Epsilon. Fred Mitchell is the new "Beaver."

The fraternity election turned out as follows: Luther Bewley is the new president; Paul Brooks, vice president; Frank Bryan, secretary; Ralph Youngsteadt, historian; David Landress, guard; and Fred Mitchell and Robert Johnson, marshals. Cyril Smith, retired president, was chosen as candidate to the Conclave and Luther Bewley as his alternate.

Of the two student members on the athletic council last year Tennessee Alpha had one, and at the election this year placed Luther Bewley on it. Cyril Smith was elected president of the Nehheyayli club for the second semester. It is the club that puts on the mid-term and final dances each year.

—Ralph Youngsteadt.

FLORIDA ALPHA

MUCH progress has been made by the Florida Alpha chapter in all lines of endeavor. Many new men have donned various athletic uniforms with varying success and in a recent student body election, out of six candidates, all on the minority side, three were elected on their merits to student body offices. The three elected were editor of the "F" book, president of the athletic council and cheer leader.

Since the last JOURNAL went to press, seventeen men have been initiated into the brotherhood and three others pledged. Of those initiated five were old men and the rest "rats."

On the anniversary of the local chapter a banquet was given as a means of celebration and all the alumni in the state were invited to attend. Among those attending the largest group were alumni of West Virginia Eta whose representatives numbered seven. Many other chapters were also represented. At the same time the first chapter news letter was sent out to the various chapters and alumni and plans made to provide for these at regular intervals.

The chapter feels rightfully proud of having two regular and letter men on the varsity basketball team and one regular on the baseball team. Some progress has been made in intramural sports. Recently in an open intramural track meet, with a team composed entirely of non-

track men and competing against the cream of the freshman track squad from other fraternities, Florida placed third with four seconds and a third. A good baseball team has been organized that should go a long way in intramural competition.

Meanwhile the chapter is working for and looking forward to owning their own home in the near future.

—Carl Widell.

SIXTH DISTRICT

IOWA ALPHA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

IOWA BETA

IOWA Beta is giving an informal dance April 17th to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the chapter. The chapter is working under difficulties this quarter, since a slump in the registration of Iowa State College left us with less than the usual quota of men. Everybody is working hard, however, and with the help of the Sigma Phi Epsilon plan of finance and A. J. Huber, comptroller, we expect to come out on top.

As the result of the annual election of officers which was held April 5, Paul J. Slegel will again be president; Karl A. Bergdahl, vice president; Harold F. Kroeger, secretary; Eugene L. McFarland, historian; Claude R. Curtis, marshal, and J. Wade Switzer, guard. The new officers were installed April 12.

During the year, several of the brothers have been honored by honorary fraternities. Harold F. Kroeger was initiated into Scabbard and Blade, honorary military fraternity; Francis Murray was initiated into Pi Epsilon Pi, national pep society, and Curly Bergdahl was elected to Pebul, honorary social fraternity.

Iowa Beta failed to hit its usual stride in athletics the first two quarters of the year. Joe Moffett won a minor "A" in cross-country, a pledge made a minor "A" in basketball, and another pledge was awarded his numeral sweater in freshman football. They will make strong bids for varsity berths next year. Garland, Fry and McFarland are now out for varsity track. Garland is showing up well in the high jump, Fry is tossing the discus and McFarland is working on the quarter mile. Two pledges are out for spring football.

Iowa Beta is now preparing to send its freshmen through the rigors of probation.

The time has not been definitely settled as yet, but hell week will probably come before the mid-quarter exams. Switzer has charge of probation this year, and is racking his brain for new ways to test the qualities of the neophytes.

Two of the brothers have seen fit to take the fatal matrimonial step this year. J. Q. Tiedge was married to Miss Louise Mayne in Des Moines, and A. J. Huber took the count when he was married to Miss Margaret Hall. Tiedge is not in school this quarter, but Huber is and plans to graduate next year.

In scholarship, Iowa Beta was near the bottom of the list during 1924-25, but we are beginning now to climb to a higher position. The chapter stood seventeenth out of the forty-eight organized houses during the fall quarter, and will probably be higher when the ratings for the winter quarter are published.

—E. L. McFarland.

IOWA GAMMA

SINCE the last publication of the JOURNAL many things have happened at Iowa Gamma.

One of the big problems that has been solved is the one of housing. Iowa Gamma has succeeded in breaking the lease on the old house and next fall we will move into the house now occupied by the Chi Omega sorority. It is located on what is now "Fraternity Row" and only a short distance from the campus.

Iowa Gamma has had great success in athletics this year—thus far we have managed to get only three captains for next year's teams. Captain Paul E. Smith of the 1925 football team played basketball on Iowa's team which tied for first honors in the Big Ten and made a fine showing at guard position. Captain Robert Killebrew of the swimming team is a diver of some repute and is no mean man in the 100-yard and 220-yard swims. He is president of the Dolphin Club, swimming fraternity, and is a member of Delta Sigma, dental fraternity. Our other captain for next year is Gail Fry, football captain at Drake University. Fry left Iowa two years ago to enter the law school at Drake. Aside from these men we have Captain Ray Dauber of this year's track team. He has won letters in both football and track and is the holder of many shot-put records. Leonard Paffensperger, last year's varsity basketball center, looked like a certainty for the captaincy of the quintet until he injured his leg in the football game against Illinois early in the year and

was so disabled that he was put out of athletics for this year. Aside from these men Iowa Gamma has several other athletes. Merlin Carter, who won his "I" as a breast stroke artist in the aquatic sport and set a new A. A. U. record, is one of the more outstanding. Ross Armstrong was on the varsity squads in both football and basketball and Harry Burnham is a peril to the regular infielders on the varsity nine.

Roger Cornelison won the university golf putting championship and C. A. Geer and A. L. Brennecke are in the semi-finals of the fencing tournament. The Sig Ep water polo team was eliminated in the semi-finals after playing three over-time periods.

Thus far this season Iowa Gamma has had only one party, that at the end of the first semester. Alas, for that first semester—the chapter fell down on the grade list but this semester the men are all pitching in and the fraternity promises to come out near the top in yearly grades.

Kermit McFarlane, sports editor of the 1927 Hawkeye and a member of the Daily Iowan staff, and Edwin Cates, telegraph editor of the Daily Iowan, have been elected to Sigma Delta Chi, journalism fraternity. Cates has also been elected president of Phi Delta Gamma, forensic fraternity, and will represent Scabbard and Blade at the national convention to be held at Baton Rouge, La. P. C. Smith is president of the Associated Students of Journalism.

Chester Mead has returned to his Alma Mater in the capacity of head line coach after two years as football coach at Iowa Wesleyan.

Fred A. Shore, of Eldon, Iowa, has made the all-star cast of the opera "The Student Prince" now playing in Chicago. While at Iowa he headed the choirs in the Methodist and Episcopal churches and was president of the university glee club. He is a member of Nu Sigma Nu, medical fraternity, and in his senior year was elected to Iowa's honorary men's fraternity, A. F. I.

Leslie G. Moeller, '25, of Spencer, assumed the position of managing editor of the New Hampton Gazette on February 18. Moeller is a graduate in journalism. He is a member of Sigma Delta Chi, winner of the Luther A. Brewer honorary key in journalism, was campus editor of the Daily Iowan and athletic editor of the Hawkeye. For the past few months he has been employed on the Spencer News-Herald.

Ben E. Goodrich, Iowa City, who will

graduate from the college of medicine this spring, has recently been elected to Sigma Xi, honorary scientific fraternity. Goodrich is also a member of A. F. I., Alpha Omega Alpha, medical fraternity, and is president of Phi Beta Pi, professional medical fraternity. He won his letters in track and cross country and was captain of the cross country team in 1924. Since that time he has been vice president of the "Hawk-I" club, organization of "I" men.

MINNESOTA ALPHA

MINNESOTA Alpha's activities are at a high pitch. When the smoke of the battle between Sig Ep brains and final examinations had cleared away, it was discovered that the boys had more than bagged a good "C" average. Paul Leck was the most efficient warrior in the battle, and brought in a straight "A" average. A good many honorary society pins have pierced the vest next to the pearled heart, too. Winnie Close has just been initiated into the Scarab architectural society, Sherman Mitchell has been honored by Phi Delta Kappa, honorary educational fraternity; and Isensee and Campbell are wearing the insignia of Phi Alpha Delta, law fraternity. Al Hill, Carl Runk, and Bill Hofer are tooting for all they are worth in the university band.

The Sig Eps have held the torch high in Gopher athletics this year. Eldon Mason has just been elected captain of next year's basket shooters; Bennie Ferrier won his major letter in wrestling, and Mason, Hall, and Gray went south with the varsity baseball team. This year's track team manager, Carrol Geddes, is a good Sig Ep; Manager Earl Gray of the baseball team wears the heart. Eldon Mason of Minnesota Alpha, by the way, is at present the only three-letter man in the university, and is judged by many to be the outstanding man on the campus this year. The Mitchell brothers, a high-powered handball doubles team, out-classed all competition, and brought the championship of the academic division in handball to the Sigma Phi Epsilon house.

Plans for the new house building program are fast coming to completion, and it is to be hoped that next year the boys will call the best house on the campus their own.

One of the achievements of the year was our successful rushing season. After the one-quarter rule, which forbids rushing men until after one quarter's residence, has caused the fraternities to wait until

the beginning of the winter quarter to rush, there was certainly a mad scramble. Minnesota Alpha got more than her share when twelve excellent men showed a preference for the Sig Ep pledge.

Brothers Lee Owen and Paul Leck were recently initiated, and hell week begins for six of the new pledges next week, and it looks as if the lively times will continue for some time to come.

—Benjamin Ridpath.

WISCONSIN ALPHA

WISCONSIN Alpha members have been represented in practically every line of endeavor this year. Eight active members accompanied the glee club on its annual tour. Lyle Jorgenson was given extremely favorable comments on his whistling solos. Roudebush, while only a freshman, was the man at the piano for the club. Harry Seidmore was the grosser half of a duo that occupied the platform for part of the time. Other members of the club that wear the heart are Norman Greenwood, Robert Jacobs, Karl Bayer, Harry Snyder, and Lael Westberg.

The track season has already started. Bayer will be the school's representative at the meets in the high hurdles. He has already captured a letter in track as well as in football. Harry Snyder is a long distance man of no mean ability. Charles Barnard, a freshman, has shown great skill in clearing the bar in the high jump. One of the pledges made a letter in cross-country.

In the intermural sports the Sig Eps have been holding their own. Even though they were unable to repeat the feat of last year in basketball, they played well in all the games. After holding the lead for nearly the whole season, the last two games were dropped to opposing "Greeks" by very close scores. In the foul-throwing contest they came off with a first. A pledge fenced his way to the campus crown. After being outpointed 6-1, he staged a thrilling comeback and took the match 7-6. In the all-campus swimming meet another pledge took first place, while George Dreher crowded into second.

Sigma Phi Epsilon has succeeded in "landing" some important all-college offices. Ray Richards, a sophomore, has just done the impossible by being appointed editor of the "Lawrentian," the semi-weekly campus paper. He was news editor during the first two quarters of this year. The presidency of the Y. M. C. A.

again comes back to the house in the election, three weeks ago, of Harry Snyder to that position for the term 1926-27. The position of business manager of the college annual remains here. Lael Westberg will carry on the work of Richard Nelson next year.

Chances for winning the scholarship cup received a great boost when the announcement was made that the Sig Eps were leading the fraternities. The scholarship cup is becoming a more bitterly contested trophy with each passing year. Last year Wisconsin Alpha ranked second in the final rating and the averages this season, thus far, indicate a closer finish than there has been in many years past.

The lead for the all-college play goes to Harry Snyder. Kenneth Greaves carries the lead in a play to be presented by the "Sunset Club." Harry Seidmore carries the lead in the musical comedy that is to be presented shortly by the "Tormentors."

—K. O. Bayer.

WISCONSIN BETA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

NEBRASKA ALPHA

THE close of the basketball season found Nebraska Alpha with two men playing regularly on the quintet. These two men were Tom Elliott and John Brown. Elliott played regularly at center and forward, while Brown spent most of his time at guard, although he was shifted to forward occasionally and throughout the entire season he lost but a very few minutes of play. With both of these men back next year Nebraska Alpha is certain of at least two regulars on next year's squad.

Our track prospects this year are nothing to boast of, but we do feel sure that Harold Almy, our javelin tosser, will letter, and there is always the possibility of uncovering new talent or developing that which is at hand. Clarence Raish and Dick Krause, as well as several of the pledges, are out and working every day on the cinders. Krause is a very promising man in the 440 and hurdles, and Coach Schulte is giving him a lot of attention.

In tennis we shall be represented by Tom Elliott. Following close on the footsteps of his brother Don, Elliott is certain to letter this year.

Coach Bearg's call for spring football practice was answered by John Brown,

Clarence Raish, Arnold Oehlrich, and Carroll West. Brown, Raish, and Oehlrich will letter without a doubt next year and West looked good in the spring workout.

At this moment interfraternity baseball has the spotlight and Nebraska Alpha is out to repeat. The chapter has won this interfraternity sport for the past two years.

We regret that baseball has been discontinued as a major sport here at Nebraska, for we feel that we have just lost about three letters with its discontinuance. Tom Elliott, John Brown, and Wendell Cameron would probably have lettered this year; hence we are more than anxious that this sport be reinstated the coming year.

Stowe Witwer spent several days with us just before the spring vacation. He has practically recovered from his almost fatal automobile accident of about a year ago.

Clarence Rogers just recently pledged Alpha Chi Sigma, professional chemical fraternity.

Harold Almy was initiated into Alpha Kappa Psi, honorary business administration fraternity a few weeks ago.

Donald Sampson is the delegate to the national convention of Scabbard and Blade from the local chapter. Sampson was also recently elected into the honorary organization of the editors of college year books.

And now comes the annual alumni banquet. The banquet this year will be held in the Lindell Hotel on Saturday, May 29. We're going to have a lot of mighty good food, some rare toasts, and a general good time. Saturday, May 29, is the last day of Round-Up Week, the alumni homecoming of Nebraska alumni.

—Paul Woolwine.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

KANSAS BETA

KANSAS Beta has had a very active year. Wilson won his third varsity football letter and Feathers his second. Butcher, having completed his three years of valley competition, helped put the Aggie fight into this year's team. K. Boyd had too much hard luck or he would have been another letter man for Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Byers made a forward berth on the mythical all-Valley basketball team. Byers was high point man of the valley in per-

centage of games. We had three freshmen numerals in basketball.

In other college athletics Kansas Beta at this writing is first in the intermural points, and we have outdoor track and basketball left. In both of these sports we hope to place well up to top for the big intermural cup.

Butcher, besides being assistant football coach, has the job of sports editor for the Royal Purple, stage manager for Aggie Pop, secretary-treasurer for both "K" fraternity and men's glee club, and has just been elected to Alpha Kappa Psi, professional honorary commerce fraternity. He is also a strong candidate for a Phi Kappa Phi key this spring.

Faulconer has achieved many laurels on the hill. He was a member of the dairy judging team that went to Indianapolis, Ind., to the national judging contest. While there Faulconer placed fifth in individual judging contest. He is an Alpha Zeta man and was their representative to the national convention at Chicago.

Walgren, our pugilist, has not lost a decision in valley boxing rings in the last two years. This year he won his bouts from Ames and Notre Dame by knockouts in the first round. In wrestling Walgren met his first defeat at the valley meet at Okla. A. & M. this winter. Walgren competes in the 115-pound class.

Murphy has just been initiated into Sigma Tau fraternity.

Sawyer is a member of the men's glee club which placed third in the valley contest held at Wichita last fall.

—George O. Yandell.

KANSAS ALPHA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

KANSAS GAMMA

THE beginning of the spring semester finds Kansas Gamma with twenty-three active members and nine pledges. Initiation was held January 31 for six men.

Hoag was elected to captain the Kansas tennis team for the coming season. This will make Hoag's second season as a member of the varsity tennis team.

Ralph Freese is a member of the varsity wrestling squad and is competing in the unlimited class. This is his first season at the game but he is learning the tricks of the trade with surprising rapidity. Next year should find him a tough nut to crack.

We are happy to say that Mother Leon-

ard was enabled to return to us and once more presides as hostess at our table.

The spring formal will be held March 19th at the Country Club. The party will be a 9-till-12 affair this year. All preparations for a very successful party are under way.

The bowery ball given January 26 by the pledges in honor of the actives was a very successful affair. The decorations, consisting in part of a bar and a set of swinging doors accentuated the low moral tone which pervaded the dance. The presence of Bob Edwards at the party contributed greatly to its success. Pledges impersonating armed officers of the law raided the dive and made numerous arrests during the evening. Everyone felt very much at home and expressed a desire to attend another one of our annual "brawls."

One of the pledges was recently appointed to membership on the Kansas Board. This is one of the stepping stones to the editorship of the school paper. We hope to see one of our men in the editor's chair before long.

Through stern and persistent application of "the wood" the scholastic standing of the pledges has been raised to a point where the actives will again have to look to their laurels.

Returning brothers will be surprised and pleased to see the new picture which now hangs above our mantel. The picture is the gift of Gus Rau and depicts several wild boars at the edge of a snow covered forest. The picture adds greatly to the attractiveness of the room.

The comptroller now lurks behind a massive roll-top desk which is the gift of Walter Schlatter.

— Frank N. Phelps, Jr.

ARKANSAS ALPHA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

MISSOURI ALPHA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

OKLAHOMA ALPHA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

COLORADO ALPHA

WITH the opening of a new quarter, many of Colorado Alpha's men who found themselves rather unfortunate

scholastically at the end of the fall quarter, discovered that they had recuperated sufficiently to convince the readmission board of their worth to the institution, and so now their faces are again among us. Several of the pledges who were unable previously to pass the necessary number of hours to be initiated have made up for that trouble within the last quarter, and so will be admitted into the chapter soon.

With prospects fairly good for a powerful baseball team this spring, the brothers are beginning practice with the hopes of making a showing toward the cup given to the intramural champs. Kitty-ball, another favorite spring sport, has also caused the desertion of the horseshoe court, and many of the men are working out for track honors.

COLORADO BETA

ENGAGED in a round of social and campus activities, the University of Denver, with Colorado Beta of Sigma Phi Epsilon among the foremost of fraternity representatives, is teaming with varied interests and usual springtime activity.

Mullins and Hays, on the "Pioneer" track squadron bid fair to place on the varsity. Mullins is a veteran "D" man and holder of the conference low hurdle record. He also owns two football letters, in addition to his frosh numerals. As a freshman at law school this year, and as Conclave representative from Colorado Beta, he will have ample opportunity to actively foster Sig Ep interests for some time to come. Six men, including Jones, Porterfield, Reid, Reddington, and two pledges, are contenders for positions on the Denver baseball nine. Porterfield is pitching, and with five Sig Eps backing him, he is assured of good support.

Scholastically, the chapter is third among nine fraternities, with an average of 85.5, according to unofficial computations for last semester's standings. Second place on the list is being held with an average grade of 85.6, which is of slight difference, to say the least.

The annual spring dance, an event of the season, which will be staged in the near future, promises to be of unusual interest as it will be held at a country club several miles from Denver in the nearby Rockies.

Judging from present appearances, a number of choice campus offices will be appropriated by Sig Eps in the approaching elections in the campus student associations. As for publications, the chapter

has the business manager of the weekly, and the editor and assistant editor of the annual.

—Raymond J. Heath.

COLORADO GAMMA

COLORADO Gamma went to defeat in interfraternity basketball by being eliminated in the semi-finals. It was a hard tournament to the end and the boys fought hard while they were in it.

Only one letter was brought to the house in varsity basketball. Llewellyn Toyne, playing a good game at guard, succeeded in capturing it.

It will be but a short time until interfraternity baseball will be started on the Aggie campus, and the Sig Eps are warming up with the intentions of giving them a hard fight for the championship. George Folsom is coaching the team.

Three letters were brought home in wrestling by Kayser, Gunkle and Reeves. The boys worked hard and surely deserved them. It is Kayser's second year, while with Gunkle and Reeves it is their first attempt. All these men are good prospects for next year. Kayser was elected captain for next year.

The track season is fast approaching and Colorado Gamma has four men working out. Walter Wienberg is coaching the boys who are out for interfraternity track.

The officers for next year were elected at the regular meeting on March 31. They are: Otto B. Kayser, president; Rolin B. Shanks, vice president; Merle McCleery, secretary; James McGovney, historian; John Hammond, guard.

—Merle G. McCleery.

COLORADO DELTA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

NINTH DISTRICT

WASHINGTON BETA

WASHINGTON Beta was represented on the varsity basketball by Al Schuss who made all coast and who was high point man for Washington. At a banquet after the close of the season, Schuss was elected to the captaincy for the coming year.

Ernie Martin represented the school in wrestling, winning his second major "W"

and also a "W" blanket for participation in his senior year. Hertz, a varsity wrestler of last year, failed to make the team this season. By taking third place in intramural wrestling and second place in boxing, the house advanced to second place for the "Cheasty" trophy which is given annually to the organization making the most points in intermural athletics. Read, the battling Irishman, proved to be an experienced pugilist by winning the all-University 145-pound championship.

Norman Sonju and Arthur Wuthenow rowed on the varsity in their recent regatta with California and are sure of retaining their seats for the intercollegiate race at Poughkeepsie this summer. Tom Quast, a varsity man of last season, rowed in the junior varsity race against California and if he rows as he did in the last he will regain his number six seat in the varsity. Gerald Calhoun is out "chucking" the ball for the varsity and if he keeps hitting the ball he will have a reserved seat for the Japan trip this summer. Al Schuss was on the squad but was unable to stay in school this quarter due to illness of his mother.

Don McCallum, a miler who has been taking first place in the weekly time trials, is back in school again after two weeks of illness. Burston, who won his "W" in pole vaulting last year, is back again trying to raise the cross-bar a few inches higher. Louis Fitzgerald, a four-forty man, has been placing in the tryouts, while Allan Campbell, a freshman, is getting his first experience in college pole vaulting.

Tennis eliminations have been going on for the last week and Joe Swartz, a frosh of last year, has worked himself up the ladder until he holds one of the upper berths. Russel Bock and Robert Willis should play high in intermural tennis as they played together last year and won second place. Swanson has been appointed tennis manager for this season and at the present time is busy running the tournament which will decide the team. Dickinson is turning out for baseball manager and is having a hard time but a successful one with the frosh, while Finlon is turning out for crew manager.

Not only is Washington Beta well represented in athletics but also in other activities on the campus. Brothers Remington and Fraser are two songsters who are in the spring opera, "The Arcadians." Remington was also a member of the glee club this year and was secretary of both Phi Mu Alpha, a musical honorary, and Sigma Alpha, the glee club fraternity. Floyd Gochnour has recently been pledged to the

Stevens Debate Club and he ought to make good, judging from his orations around the house.

Guttormsen and Wuthenow are this year's initiates to Oval Club, a campus activity honorary. Among the professional initiates of this year we have Schuss and Guttormsen who were initiated into Phi Alpha Delta. Hertz has been associated with the "Daily Gang" for two years and has been initiated into Sigma Delta Chi, a journalistic honorary. Since then he has been elected secretary to the honorary. Among the engineers we have Ted Bakeman who has made Tau Beta Pi, an engineering honorary. Wuthenow has been elected editor of *The Advocate*, an advertising paper. Kenneth Hillman has been elected president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. McCallum has been elected vice president of the minor "W" club for the coming year.

Some of the boys have been appointed on various university committees during the year. McCallum has been on various committees, namely, the A. S. U. W. election committee, the Senior Tag committee, and is also the junior class athletic manager. Guttormsen was on the "W" club formal committee, and was on the executive committee for the High School Basketball tournament. Wuthenow was the chairman of Ad Club banquet committee. Dickinson was on the junior prom committee. Hertz the dramatic committee, and Finlon and Bakeman were on the committee for the engineers' formal.

At the close of last quarter we had the election of house officers and the following were elected: George Dickinson, president; Quast, vice president; Hertz, secretary; Davison, treasurer; Oestreich, historian; Finlon, guard; and Campbell and Morrison, marshals.

The initiates for the present year were: Allan Campbell from Monroe, Jack Morrison from Spokane, Hal Wolfe from Seattle, Floyd Gochmour from Montesano and Fred Gunderson from Wrangle, Alaska.

We had our annual formal at the Olympic, January 24. It was a dinner dance and the credit for its success must be given to Walker and Swanson, the social committee. Easter morning the boys brought their lady friends to breakfast and then went to Easter services. The spring formal will be given some time this quarter and at the close of school we are going to have a two-day house party. Al Weymouth has to be given many thanks for his recent organization of a Mothers' club. The alumni had a regular get-together

dance at the house and many old friends attended.

Our grades have not been received this quarter but for the fall quarter they were well above the general fraternity average.

Some of the California Alpha men were up for the Cal regatta and we were certainly glad to have them visit us. Those who were here were Rylander, Nisbet, Jordan, Miller and Meadows.

—Roy Oestreich.

WASHINGTON ALPHA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

MONTANA ALPHA

MONTANA Alpha's installation ball on February 5 was the outstanding event in one of the busiest winter quarters in our history. The dance was a formal affair, with over fifty couples attending. Programs consisted of combination program and favor address books in the fraternity colors. Both alums and actives feel that it was by far the biggest and classiest dance ever put over by the chapter and our only hope is that we will be able to equal it in the future.

During the past basketball season Graham and Miller played consistently on the varsity squad and both promise to be mainstays on next year's quint. Byrd and a pledge surprised us all in their pugilistic work during the winter quarter. Byrd fought a draw bout for university light-heavyweight honors, while the pledge showed up exceptionally well in the same class. Another pledge in the middleweight division has been treating the boys-rough in the mat game, having thrown all contenders to date. Hines placed second in diving during the first intramural swimming meet held at the university and with a little more time in the plunge he will undoubtedly be supreme on the board.

Jimmie O'Conner will handle the bulk of the pitching for the varsity nine again this year. He has been a faithful standby for the past two years and will put in his last licks this spring on the varsity sandlot. Gannon, a transfer from Massachusetts Alpha, is again out for the nine. He was not eligible last year, but from the dope given out this season, he will undoubtedly be a great help to O'Conner. Paige, last year's manager of the squad, is making a strong bid for a regular birth on this year's nine.

Montana Alpha will have two men on the track squad this spring. Spaulding does the high hurdles in 16.1, and Miller

clears the bar at better than 12 feet. Spaulding made his letter last spring in track and Miller made his numerals. Higbee and a pledge are also showing up well in the runs. Bergin took individual honors in the interscholastic last year and looks like a sure think in the 100, 220 and 440 dashes. Cowan will be in charge of the yearling squad and from some of the early dope it looks as though several pledges will get their numerals this spring.

Since the last issue of the JOURNAL two brothers have succumbed to the onslaughts of Cupid. The first of the casualties was Ed. Buck, who invaded Brother Stevens' family by marrying his sister, Marie. Mr. and Mrs. Buck are now living in Butte where Ed is connected with the Montana Power Company. Jimmie Graham is the other brave brother who is testing out the old adage, "two can live as cheaply as one." Jim was married during February to Vida Rands at Columbus, where they are now living.

The coming interscholastic track meet will offer us an opportunity to get in some pre-season rushing. A number of dances and parties will be given and plans are well along to make the most of this chance to get acquainted with participating athletes. Committees have formulated extensive plans for fall rushing and date books are ready and waiting. Our fall program is full of innovations and new stunts and with this early start we believe that rushing will go off exceptionally well.

Montana Alpha will close this school year with a big get-together next June. The plans now outlined by the committee in charge provides for a real old-fashioned jubilee at the Florence Hotel June 5. A banquet followed by a lively program will feature the event and plans for summer rushing will be discussed.

—A. L. Ainsworth.

OREGON ALPHA

"SIGMA Phi Epsilon Leads in Scholarship Race," read a headline of the O. A. C. Daily Barometer recently. This proclaimed the news to the campus, to the high schools of the state, and to a large percentage of the reading public of Oregon. Oregon Alpha of Sigma Phi Epsilon beat every other social organization on the campus in scholarship for the winter term just past, with a weighted average of 87.87 per cent. This is approximately five points above the student body average, which hanks around 83 per cent. The

interfraternity scholarship trophy cup again rests among the several others.

Individual members of the organization also step into the limelight. Ursel Narver was recently elected as editor of the "Beaver" for the coming school year. This is the annual publication of the junior class and to be its editor is considered a distinctive honor. Although Narver has been out of school for three years, his achievements in the journalistic field and his personality won for him this coveted position. Narver also won first place in a news-writing contest sponsored by the journalism department.

To show his diversity, Narver has just completed a successful trip as manager of the O. A. C. Madrical Club. This is a woman's organization which corresponds to the men's glee club.

Honoraries claim a few more members of Oregon Alpha. Burton Hutton, president of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity, has been recently elected president of the newly established inter-honorary fraternity council, formed to further the interests of honorary fraternities on the campus. Gordon Hertz, editor of the "Orange Owl," college humorous publication, was initiated into Hammer and Coffin, national humorist honorary. Maurice Kinsey added a Sigma Tau key to accompany two others which he possesses. Charles Landes, the latest Oregon Alpha man to be initiated into an honor organization, was added to the membership roll of Phi Tau Chi, honorary fraternity in industrial arts, of which he has been elected president for the coming school year. At its latest meeting, Alpha Kappa Psi, professional fraternity in commerce, elected Robert Kerr to succeed Lorin Britt as president of the organization. Brother Britt has graduated, thus leaving the vacancy which Kerr now fills.

Varsity track prospects are looking bright for the college this year. Oregon Alpha men out for varsity track are Fritz Rohrman, who runs the quarter mile; Lloyd Kuni, a fast miler; Roderick MacMillan, a half-miler; and John Hansen, high jumper. Dave Stritnater, member of Colorado Gamma and transfer to O. A. C., is holding down a twirling berth on the varsity baseball squad. A varsity football sweater was awarded Roscoe "Tiny" Paine.

The looks of the front yard of the new house has been improved by grading. Grass seed has been sown, and if the good growing weather continues, there should be a good growth of grass in a few weeks.

—Clarke H. Fisher.

TENTH DISTRICT

CALIFORNIA ALPHA

THE chapter has been unusually successful in spring athletic competition in track, crew and baseball. The house has more men participating in freshman and varsity sports than any other campus organization.

Track summaries are replete with the names and deeds of Sig Ep cinder stars. Ragan, Gerken, Johnson and Corley totaled 23¼ points against the Olympic Club, 24 against St. Marys, 10 in the U. S. C. meet, and 21 in the Missouri meet. The three Sig Ep hurdlers have twice swept the places in the low sticks for California. Gerken defeated Hartranft again but lost to House and Doss Richerson, Tiger pilot from Missouri Alpha. The Stanford meet will doubtless bring four sweaters to the house, for at present the chances are extremely bright for all the men placing.

Al Rydlander, '28, rowed No. 5 against Washington after a strenuous season of competition for the coveted varsity seat. Ed Meadows, freshman, won a numeral for rowing in the race with the Husky frosh. Dick Nisbet is one of the varsity coxswain staff with a good chance next year. Lu Jordan, junior manager, is in a close contest for the manager's "C" and Lee Miller is striving for a junior appointment.

Baseball fans are still talking about Bill Parke's pitching exhibition in the first Stanford game, which California won, 3-1. Bill's mound work is peerless on the Bruin staff and he is expected to hurl Stanford to defeat again soon. Al Carveth and Eric Stanford are working out with the second varsity. Don Meadows is on the corps of soph managers.

Altogether, the representation of the house is unrivaled in turnout and success in spring athletics. Two new "C's" along with the four old ones are expected. This addition once more makes Sig Ep athletes lead the campus in athletic awards.

Recent elections to honor societies are as follows: Alvin Carveth, Chi Alpha and Scabbard and Blade; Paul Keane, Scabbard and Blade; Eric Stanford, Delta Sigma Pi.

California Alpha stood twenty-eighth on the fraternity scholarship rating last fall out of some sixty-five organizations. This spring we stand twenty-third and hope to be even higher before we break up for vacation.

The annual formal will be held this semester on Friday, April 23rd, at 9 P. M. at the Berkeley Country Club. Arrangements have been made to make this year's formal the best in the history of the chapter. With imported favors that would please the heart of any girl and decorations and programs of a distinctly new sort, this dance will be one to remember.

—Spencer Benbow.

Contempt is a feeling you have for people who are not like you.

—Oregon Orange Owl.

Here lies the body of Willie Bass;

He tried the gag, "We're out of gas."—Iowa Frivol.

We present Archibald Doolittle, who thought he was God's gift to the women, but who was only the answer to a squirrel's prayer.—Georgia Tech Yellow Jacket.

Britisher 1: What is that American game we hear so much of?

Britisher 2: Oh! the Pursuit of Happiness—fancy chasing some bally unseen and unknown thing.—Virginia Reel.

Why leave? The evening's but a pup.

Yes, but I'm dog tired.—Orphan.

MARRIAGES and BIRTHS

MARRIAGES

Irving H. Winslow, Vermont Alpha, to Belle E. Wanzer, Pi Beta Phi. At home in Durham, N. C.

Edward Buck, Montana Alpha, to Marie Stevens. At home in Butte, Mont.

James Graham, Montana Alpha, to Vida Rands. At home in Columbus, Mont.

Dwight McCaw, Oregon Alpha, to Asea Bruce, Delta Gamma.

Charles Garside, New York Beta, to Helen Hunt Johnson.

Irving Bosley Baugher, New York Beta, to Frances Lynn.

R. C. Davis, New York Beta, to Dorothy O'Neill, Alpha Phi.

Arthur J. Huber, Iowa State, to Margaret Hall.

J. Quentin Tiedge, Iowa Beta, to Louise Mayne.

John Holivid Bowen, Virginia Delta, to Marion Willeroy Anderson. At home at 117 Lindon Ave., Hampton, Va.

Edward Leroy Baker, Colorado Beta, to Claudia May Steele, Alpha Chi Omega. At home in New York City.

Joseph Warren Williams, Colorado Beta, to Edna Follin, Kappa Delta. At home in Denver, Colo.

Thomas Layley Hapgood, New Hampshire Alpha, to Emmlyn Glover Wimer. At home at 137 Suffolk street, Springfield, Mass.

Herman F. Hedderich, Indiana Alpha, to Roslyn Burkillat. At home in Indianapolis, Ind.

Harold A. Stepleton, Indiana Alpha, to Esther Diehl. At home at West Palm Beach, Fla.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Soper (New York Alpha, '19), a son, Laurene Benjamin, Jr.

To Mr. and Mrs. Emmerson Kokjer (Nebraska Alpha), a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. John R. Gephardt (New York Beta), a son, John Richard, Jr.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Reeves (Colorado Beta), a daughter.

In Memoriam



JOHN E. FRATER

THE LAWYER, THE JUDGE, THE MAN

BY FRANK H. HAMACK
District of Columbia Alpha

Not long ago there came to Sigma Phi Epsilon in the Northwest the sorrowful news that Judge Frater had heard his last call, that his life's journey was over. When the news came to me, merely one of many in this great Northwest, I sat and in retrospect recalled some of the things that remained and shall remain indelibly in my mind in which Judge Frater was a leading actor.

First, I remember him as taking, along with fifty or more others, the initiatory oath of Sigma Phi Epsilon. To me now it is a happy memory that I could be the one to invest him with the badge of Sigma Phi Epsilon. I remember him during that initiation as one of the boys,—a boy nearly seventy years of age to be true, but a boy nevertheless.

Second, Sigma Phi Epsilon will remember him as a neighbor. Through those years during which Gamma Sigma was preparing for her installation into Sigma Phi Epsilon the Fraters lived next door, like real folks, through whose bodies ran the virile red blood of American citizens. They saw the boys as young Americans, enjoying those institutions, playing those pranks, and living the life as only youth can live it. They threw themselves heartily into it all and were often to be found chatting with the boys, enjoying with them social hours and in many ways lending their

wide experience to them in their various problems.

Third, as a lawyer Brother Frater was cool-headed, honest and sincere. Starting as a pioneer with nothing, he built for himself first a foundation, of which education was the cornerstone. In gaining this education he had as a friend and companion the late President Harding. Applying himself diligently in his scholastic work he so fitted himself that success could not evade him and it was not many years before Frater the student was Frater the successful lawyer.

Fearless, honest, sincere and God-fearing, it was not long before his intense humanity and his talents called him to the bench and for a great number of years he served humanity for humanity's sake, and I believe left the world better for his service. I remember now very distinctly just a few days after the last election in which he was returned to the bench, when his first attack was showing its effect on him and had reduced the once sturdy body into a shadow of its former self, that he told me there were those selfish folks who were trying to defeat him because he was "on his last legs." Yet the voters of King County at the election gave him the largest number of votes ever given to a judge on the King County bench. I remember how proud he was of this trust imposed in him, how tears al-

most came to his eyes as he told it.

Lastly, I like to remember him as a man, as a brother among brothers in a grand institution. Willing always "to do as the Romans did" he earned for himself a place which occupied no small part of the devotion of alumni, numbering among its members brothers from all over the United States.

In retrospect I see him sitting next to me at a banquet several years ago at the Arctic Club. Those who were there will long remember, I am sure, the commotion and seeming good fellowship emanating from our end of the table. I remember his forceful stories, spicy, humorous and to the point. I remember his repeated heart-to-heart talks to the boys of Washington Beta when in his simple and human way he told them of the ruts that are to be found in every life's pathway and how with application to one's studies, the following of a real moral, spiritual code and the participation in things elevating mentally, physically and morally would eventually bring these young men to the attainments of their desires.

I believe that the happiest moments of his life were those spent in doing people a favor. I can see him now standing beside my chair at the last annual home-coming held at the Washington Beta chapter house on the night of the Stanford game, November 7, 1925. When he arose he said, "Brothers, I am glad to be with

you once again. I am living in the hope that I may yet reach man's allotted three score years and ten, after which I shall feel perhaps that I have had my time, run my course and at last am ready." Then, seemingly leaving the serious and telling stories he was Judge Frater the boy again, picking up where he had left off and bringing joy and laughter to the hearts of everyone present. Little did I know when I sat beside him that night that it was to be our last communion together. I wonder if either he or I or those present would have had it different had we been able to look into the future. His life among us has been one of inspiration, love and sympathy. His ship has sailed seas of many lands and we are happy in the thought that it touched this port and that in encountering its last storm shall have found haven with us.

Little less than the shock of Brother Frater's death was the death of his life-long partner,—a splendid woman, wonderful pal, loved mother and true friend,—Mrs. Frater, who passed away just a few hours after the Judge. They lived their years together here in perfect harmony and both of them, as a reward, have found their rest. Seattle, the State of Washington, its institutions and associations have lost a real factor, a real man, a friend, but the one to whom the loss was greatest was Sigma Phi Epsilon.



ROBERT LESTER TAVENNER

BY J. K. LOUDEN

Ohio Gamma

Highest military honors were accorded to Captain Robert Lester Tavenner, '08, at the funeral, Monday, April 12th, of the founder of Ohio Gamma chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon, whose name is first on the chapter roster and who was among those first in everything he undertook in both civil and military life. Brother Tavenner died of pneumonia, April 10th, after a brief illness at the Fort Hayes hospital.

Major General Howze and all the higher officers of the post, with many of his former comrades-in-arms, united in the tribute to the still youthful officer whose death, in large measure, was due to the disabling effects of the "gassing" he received in the Belgium battle line. There was also a large attendance of the student body of Ohio State where he had served as instructor of the R. O. T. C. infantry unit since June 4, 1923. The Pershing Rifles paid their tribute in a body and Scabbard and Blade sent a large representation.

After the services, the body, accompanied by military escort, was taken for burial to Mt. Vernon, Ohio, the family home.

Brother Tavenner served with brilliance and distinction during the World War. He was cited for bravery and decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross, awarded for unusual bravery for leading his company in a tank attack in the Argonne. He was severely wounded and gassed while serving in Belgium. When the armistice was signed he was transferred to the American Army of Occupation in Germany, where he served with the Sixteenth Infantry, First Division.

Brother Tavenner was faculty advisor of the Pershing Rifles and the Potomac Club of Ohio State University, and was active in the Cadet Officers Club and Scabbard and Blade.

While a student, Brother Tavenner was very active in campus affairs and was largely instrumental in the founding of Ohio Gamma chapter, serving as its first vice president. He always had the best interests of Ohio Gamma and Sigma Phi Epsilon as a whole at heart. He is survived by his wife, son, daughter, his parents, three brothers and three sisters.



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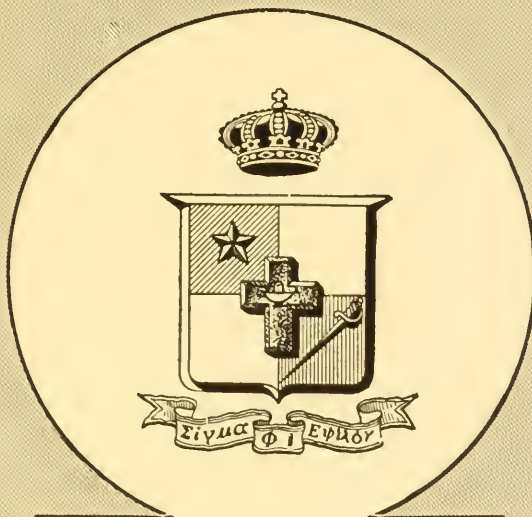
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Stonewall Jackson Monument—Equestrian statue of General Jackson at intersection of Monument and Boulevard—two of Richmond's finer residential streets.

A Bit of "Sig Ep" History

BACK in 1901 at Richmond College a group of young men feeling a need for fellowship formed themselves into a club known as the Saturday Night Club. Now this was prior to the reign of Volstead and rumor has had it that this was a typical group of men of those days. However, this seems to be false from the fact that three of the original group were Baptist preachers. As there were only four other fraternities on the campus they decided to broaden out as a national Greek-letter fraternity.

Now these were the days when Fraternities were still very jealous of each other, and open fighting was the rule, meetings were broken up, rituals stolen and everything that could be thought of was done to harm the other fellow, thinking to make their own groups stronger.

With this background the jeal-

ousies of other fraternities upon the advent of a new organization is easily understood. Today we know that more business houses clustered together in competition with each other brings more business to all, but such was not held true in those days, especially among fraternities. However, the Saturday Night Club in it's first year grew to the enormous proportions of twenty-two men. They selected a committee of three; Jenkins, Wallace and Phillips to meet with a faculty committee to go over plans for the new fraternity. All three members of the faculty committee were members of fraternities and they frowned in a like manner as did the undergraduates at the installation of another rival organization. After trying to discourage these men in every way they could think of, they finally asked the name of the organization. They were told "Sigma Phi." The faculty member at whose

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home they were meeting majestically walked over to the library and took down a copy of Baird's Manual and showed them where Sigma Phi was the third oldest organization in the country, having been organized in 1827. One of the committee, Jenkins, then spoke up and said, "Doctor, there has been considerable discussion among our men about the name of our organization and you have decided a question we could not decide for ourselves. We, of course, would not use the name of another organization, so we called ours Sigma Phi Epsilon."

Seeing that they could not discourage these determined youths, one of the committee made the statement that "neither individually, nor as a group, did they have the brains or the money to organize a fraternity." But the committee left the meeting fully determined to put it over. The badges had already been ordered. They were heart shaped, but about four times as large as the badge of today. There, of course, was no regulation about the kind of stones to edge the badge with, and every one of the first order (21) were mounted with alternate garnets and rubies portraying the fraternity colors, purple and red. The first badge order was given to a jeweler in North Carolina,

the home town of one of the men. As has been said, the badges had already been ordered, heart shaped, of yellow gold, black enamel center with the letters " $\Sigma \Phi$ " above the skull and cross bones. This committee realizing that it would never do to wear the badge without the Epsilon on it, went immediately to the telegraph office and wired the jeweler to put an Epsilon on the badge "somewhere." When the badges arrived the jeweler had eliminated three stones, the one at the point and one on either side of it, and there on the gold edge had placed the Epsilon. This is a meager description of the early badge and a recent attempt to locate those in existence has revealed only three; they are in the possession of Founders Carter and Phillips and Brother C. W. Dickinson. Twelve of these badges were

sent to the Colorado Alpha installation in 1903, and never returned. It was not until 1921 when Grand Secretary Phillips was looking over a local at the Montana State College that he regained his badge. One of the charter members of Colorado Alpha, Harvey E. Muddock, produced the badge and it now lies in the fraternity safe awaiting a permanent place in the archives of the fraternity. It will be on display at the Conclave.



R. J. FAIL
Chairman Finance Committee

The Executive Committee will meet at Conclave Headquarters the day before the Conclave opens. Conclave attendants are urged to arrive as early as possible and attend to their registration, avoiding congestion in registering late. Registration will commence at 8:00 A. M., August 25th, at Conclave headquarters in the Jefferson Hotel

From William Hugh Carter, Founder



CONGRATULATIONS to Sigma Phi Epsilon on attaining to the dignity of a "Silver Jubilee! It scarcely seems possible that twenty-five years have elapsed since that little group met at old Richmond College and launched the infant organization. The founders had little idea as to what was to be the result of their efforts, but they had high hopes and high ideals, and they "hitched their wagon to a star." And out of their struggles and their efforts has come the great fraternity of today.

I regret that I cannot be present at the Jubilee celebration, but I shall be in a revival meeting with my church just at that time, and it will be impossible for me to get away. May you have a great celebration, and may Sigma Phi Epsilon ever remain true to the ideals established for it by the Founders.

From W. A. Wallace, Founder

I AM in receipt of your communication in reference to the "Jubilee Conclave." I am already making my plans to be in Richmond, August 25-28, and I trust that we will have a full representation of the "Boys of 1901."

This idea of the twenty-fifth anniversary of our Fraternity is one that should be appreciated by every man in the Fraternity, and especially by those of us who belonged to her in her infancy; and I feel that those of us who are left should make a special effort to be at this celebration.

Very best wishes to yourself and to the Fraternity at large.

From Thomas T. Wright, Founder



I AM looking forward to being present at our "Silver Jubilee Conclave" with the greatest pleasure.

As one of the Founders of our Fraternity, I have watched with pride its wonderful growth from a small struggling local at Richmond College to its present position, with chapters in most of the leading colleges and universities of America, and with thousands of alumni scattered throughout practically the entire world.

Among these alumni are men who are exerting great influence on our country's government, and all of its industrial and social activities. This influence will, of course, increase as our Fraternity and its members become older.

The growth of this Fraternity has exceeded the fondest hopes of its Founders. Little did they think when struggling to obtain recognition at Richmond College nearly a quarter of a century

ago that their exertions would be so abundantly repaid.

All of us according to our ability have contributed to this growth, of which we are now so proud. In my opinion, however, the one to whom, far beyond all others, this success is due is our Grand Secretary, Brother W. L. Phillips.

From Wm. (Billy) L. Phillips, Founder

TWENTY-FIVE years ago no one at Richmond College dreamed that by today Sigma Phi Epsilon would be the leading Greek-letter Fraternity. That, however, is true, and it is my wish that every member of the Fraternity will be with us August 25-28, where we made our start, and help us to celebrate the quarter-century of success.

You will, on this occasion, have an opportunity to meet the living Founders and hear first hand, their stories of the early days. A comparison of Sigma Phi Epsilon in its infancy with the progressive organization of today will add much to your pride of membership.

Your presence is needed to help make the Silver Jubilee Conclave the greatest fraternity gathering ever held.



From D. W. Scott, First Grand President

AUGUST 25-28 will be red letter days in the history of the old Fraternity. The eyes of a great host of men will be turned toward Richmond, where we shall celebrate the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the Fraternity. It is altogether fitting that this celebration should take place in Richmond where the Fraternity was cradled twenty-five years ago. I wish it was possible for me to be with the boys again. But Chautauqua dates make this impossible for me. But I wish to urge upon every man who can to go to Richmond. It will be an epoch-making event. Some of us have grown old and gray since the initial beginning, but we are still young in spirit. I could covet no finer fellowship in all the world than to meet with you.

"Here's to our boyhood, its gold and its gray,
The frosts of its winter, the dews of its May;
And when we are done with our life-lasting toys,
Dear Father, take care of Thy children, the boys."

From F. J. Knauss, Former Grand President

DO you remember the good old days when you were an active in Sigma Phi Epsilon? Would you like to rub elbows with some of the old-timers as well as to meet the newer generation of our beloved fraternity? Would you like to see the birthplace of our organization? Of course you would.

Then come to Richmond on August 25, 1926, prepared for the best time you have had in years. The Silver Jubilee of Sigma Phi Epsilon will be the greatest event thus far in her illustrious history of a quarter of a century. You should have a part in this celebration. As for myself I intend to be there and would not miss it for anything.

Make your plans now and set aside the week of August 25th for this the biggest event in the history of Sigma Phi Epsilon.



From Harry F. Byrd, Governor of Virginia



AS Governor of the State of Virginia I take great pleasure in extending to you a most cordial invitation to visit our State during your National Conclave, which meets at Richmond, Virginia, in August of this year.

Virginia offers many attractions which I am certain will make your visit both enjoyable and profitable. You will find in the State many historic shrines which are sacred to all true Americans; formations of nature listed among the wonders of the world; scenery of unsurpassed beauty; and a social atmosphere peculiarly suited to a fraternal gathering. I feel that I can assure you that the people of Virginia will receive you with all their characteristic hospitality, and will do all in their power to make your stay a pleasant one.

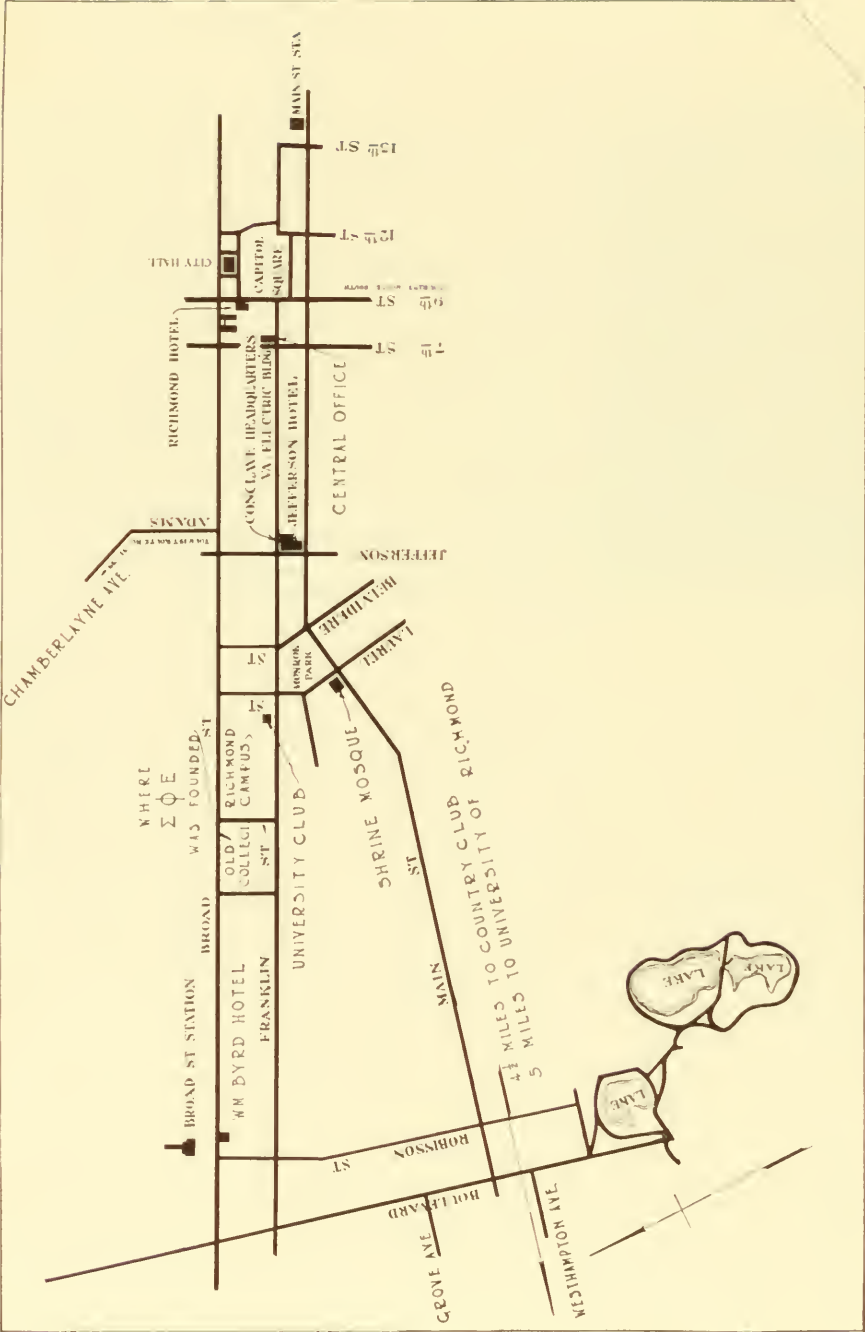
Best wishes for a successful Conclave.

From J. Fulmer, Bright, Mayor of Richmond

IHAVE learned with much pleasure of the selection of Richmond as the Convention City for the 1926 meeting of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. As Chief Executive of this City, I wish to assure you of the hearty welcome that will be extended to the members of your organization and the visitors at your sessions on August 25th to 28th. I am sure it is not necessary to inform your membership of the beauty of Richmond or of its historic associations, which make it of particular interest to visitors from all sections of our Country. The dates chosen should assure you ideal weather and the fullest opportunity of seeing our City at its best and under most favorable circumstances.

The people of Richmond look forward to your coming with every assurance of co-operation and of the hospitality which is proverbial of Richmond and the South.

Will you convey to your members my every good wish for the success of the Silver Jubilee Conclave



MAY OF RICHMOND—HOW TO LOCATE THE “HIGH SPOTS”



Monumental Church—Site of theatre which housed the convention which ratified the constitution of the United States. Church built by public and city subscription.

Silver Jubilee Conclave Program

Richmond, August 25-28, 1926



YOU are coming to Richmond for the Silver Jubilee Conclave, August 25-28. That's taken for granted. You are coming primarily for the Conclave, to mingle with the brothers from other parts of our country, to observe the progress and present position of Sigma Phi Epsilon in the fraternity world, to familiarize yourself with what Sigma Phi Epsilon is doing outside of your own small sphere, possibly with some constructive ideas that will help the fraternity continue its rapid pace upward, but while you are in Richmond you don't want all work and no play.

The Richmond Alumni Chapter as your host wants you to be well enter-

tained and to this end are putting forth every effort to make your visit here a pleasant one.

Besides desiring that every member of Sigma Phi Epsilon be here at Roll Call they desire to issue a special invitation to those members who are so fortunate or unfortunate as to be married to bring the wife and family with them. The Ladies Auxiliary of the Richmond Alumni Chapter will be prepared to care for all the ladies that accompany the members to the Conclave. Golf, bridge and theatre are some of the things on their program, and all sightseeing tours and social affairs will be open for the visiting ladies.

It has been aptly said that should the United States desire to establish

an institution similar to Westminster Abbey that Richmond would be the logical place being as it is the capital of Virginia, the birthplace of the republic and surrounded by many of the main battlegrounds of the wars.

There is no place where the visitor can approach so close to the start of America's greatness or to the climatic moments of this nation's history as is possible in Richmond. Here it was in 1609 that Captain John Smith decided there should be a permanent colony and he named it "None Such"; here where Patrick Henry pleaded for "liberty or death"; where Aaron Burr was tried; where Jefferson Davis demanded trial; where the Northwest Territory was ceded; where John Marshall lived; where Libby Prison stood; where Washington, Lafayette and other notables were entertained; where Washington, Jefferson, Madi-

son, Monroe, Tyler and many other of our now famous historical men met and decided the fate of the country; the underground passages that were used by federal secret service agents during the Civil War and through which many hundred slaves were enabled to flee to the North; the Capitol designed by Jefferson; the "most valuable piece of marble" in the world, being Houdon's statute of Washington of which the father of our country gave his approval; St. Paul's church where Jefferson Davis received General Lee's message saying Richmond must be evacuated; the old Bell Tower which served as a meeting place and arsenal in colonial days; the White House of the Confederacy; the Battle Abbey, the Confederate memorial. These are just a few of the places you will see during your visit to the Silver Jubilee Conclave.

The itinerary of the sightseeing trip to be held the afternoon of the first day of the Conclave, Wednesday, August 25, is complete and will miss nothing of interest. (See details of itinerary on page 287.) Special arrangements for transportation, police escort and special privileges to visit places not generally open to the public have been arranged. Leaving Richmond we will view many historical battlegrounds and other places of interest on our way to Eastbury-on-the-James, historical in itself as a famous old Virginia plantation, the landing place of McClelland's troops during his unsuccessful drive on Richmond in 1862. Next door we have Berkley, the home of President Madison which was used recently in several scenes of the motion picture "America." At Eastbury we will find that feminine pulchritude that has made Richmond famous. "Every man for himself" will be the order of the time as we dis-embark from the busses and are



Almost Anywhere—Just a scene in the park. Common up and down the James River.

waiting the famous old Brunswick stew—a dish peculiar to Virginia and certainly delicious. With sixty-five acres of wooded land, with convenient benches, 600 yards of water front on the James, a broad and lazy river, with full moon and a Virginia girl—let your conscience be your guide. Oh yes, there will be music for those who care to dance—or shall we cancel the music? So much for Wednesday, the first day of the Silver Jubilee Conclave.

Thursday morning at 6:00 for those whose desire to swim, the party will leave, from the hotel, in their bathing suits direct for the "old swimmin' hole" in Byrd park. Here Richmond's elite enjoy an early morning dip. For those who prefer golf the party leaves, from the hotel, at the same hour and proceeds to the Virginia Country Club where arrangements have already been made to care for all those who wish to play.

Thursday morning and afternoon will be devoted to sessions of the Conclave to which all members of Sigma Phi Epsilon are cordially invited. (*Only delegates of Active Chapters and Alumni Chapters will have the use of the floor and participate in voting however.*) Those who are not delegates and who do not care to stay to a particular session of the Conclave will find many things to do. Guest cards will be provided to the golf courses of the city, swimming all day at Byrd park, baseball every afternoon at the Virginia League Ball Park, the many points of interest at which the sightseeing trip did not stop but which are worthwhile looking over more minutely, and any place requiring special permission will be open to visitors of the Silver Jubilee Conclave. Thursday evening the entire party will go to the Richmond Hotel Roof Garden where the cover

charge is taken care of by the committee. The music will be special and will be broadcast over Station WRVA, the Edgeworth Tobacco station.

Friday evening the formal ball will be held in the ball room of the convention headquarters hotel, The Jefferson. Appropriate favors have been secured. Saturday evening will terminate the four days of joy with a full stomach—the banquet at which speakers of prominence will give five-minute talks.

If you can't sleep on a Pullman after this layout then you have insomnia. If you haven't enjoyed yourself TRY and get your registration fee back.

May you never live to regret the fact that you missed the Silver Jubilee Conclave. You will if you don't come.



Entrance to the Capitol Square—Showing Crawford's equestrian statue of Washington with capitol at right.



Edgar Allen Poe Shrine—Home of Poe during his writing period and occupied by George Washington on one of his many stays in Richmond.

Events on Conclave Program

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25TH

8:00-11:00 A.M.—CONCLAVE REGISTRATION

Following instructions will facilitate matters. All members, Executive Committee, Delegates, Alternates, and Visitors will form in the same line. Fill out promptly the card handed to you by the Registration Clerk. Present this card with your *Registration Fee* of \$10.00 to Clerk No. 2, and get your receipt. You will then present your receipt to Clerk No. 3 who will issue you a *Badge*. This Badge entitles you to all events scheduled.

HOTEL REGISTRATION

Leave the Conclave Registration line and proceed to the hotel desk. Be brief and to the point in asking for a room. Consult hotel rates shown in this JOURNAL. If you have been thoughtful and secured reservations ask for those reservations in the same way you wrote for them.

11:00 A.M.—OPENING OF CONCLAVE

Formal Opening of Silver Jubilee Conclave.

Inspection of Delegates' Certificates by Credentials Committee.

Address of Welcome by Hon. Harry F. Byrd, Governor of Virginia; Hon. J. Fulmer Bright, Mayor of Richmond and Rodney C. Berry, Director of the Conclave.

Response—Whitney H. Eastman, Grand President.

Presentation Resolutions, Memorials, etc.

Committee Assignments.

Adjournment.

12:30 P.M.—LUNCH

1:30 P.M.—SIGHTSEEING TRIP

Start at Franklin Street entrance of the Jefferson Hotel. This trip will be in charge of the Director of Publicity of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, will have police escort, and passes through old St. John's Church, Battle Abbey and other points of interest which are closed to the public except during certain hours. Luxurious busses have been hired for the trip. All visiting ladies are invited.

5:30 P.M.—RECEPTION

On University of Richmond Campus, Brunswick Stew and a Picnic Dinner will be served.

LATER SAME EVENING

While the picnic dinner is being consumed the busses will return to the city (five miles) and bring out the needed number of girls, assorted sizes, and leave them at the Country Club of Virginia, which adjoins the University Campus. The Entertainment Committee then proceeds to amalgamate the two crowds, the music starts, and that is the way the first day ends.

Details will not be given for the three days of entertainment which follow, but they will be days which you will long remember.



Birdseyeview of Richmond—Looking East. Electric Building where Central Offices are located a little to left of center.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26TH

6:00 A.M.—SWIMMING PARTY

Leave from the hotel in bathing suits, but a coat or wrap must be worn passing through the city. Bathing in Shield's Lake, Byrd Park.

6:00 A.M.—GOLF

Country Club of Virginia and Hermitage Country Club.

9:00 A.M.—CONCLAVE SESSION

12:30 P.M.—LUNCH

1:30 P.M.—CONCLAVE SESSION

4:00 P.M.—MODEL INITIATION

6:30 P.M.—DINNER

9:00 P.M.—RICHMOND HOTEL SUMMER GARDEN

All arrangements have been made for a golf tournament either Thursday or Friday 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. The date will be set later.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27TH

6:00 A.M.—SWIMMING PARTY, SHIELD'S LAKE, BYRD PARK

6:00 A.M.—GOLF—COUNTRY CLUB OF VIRGINIA AND HERMITAGE COUNTRY CLUB

9:00 A.M.—CONCLAVE SESSION

12:30 P.M.—LUNCH

1:30 P.M.—CONCLAVE SESSION

5:30 P.M.—ADJOURNMENT

6:30 P.M.—DINNER

9:30 P.M.—FORMAL CONCLAVE BALL

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28TH

6:00 A.M.—SWIMMING PARTY, SHIELD'S LAKE, BYRD PARK

6:00 A.M.—GOLF—COUNTRY CLUB OF VIRGINIA AND HERMITAGE COUNTRY CLUB

9:00 A.M.—CONCLAVE SESSION

12:30 P.M.—LUNCH

1:30 P.M.—CONCLAVE SESSION

5:30 P.M.—FINAL ADJOURNMENT

6:45 P.M.—FORMAL BANQUET



Jefferson Davis Monument—One of many on Monument Avenue in the heart of residential Richmond.

The program of events for the entertainment of our ladies will be announced on Wednesday, the opening day of the Conclave.

TOURISTS INFORMATION

If you plan to come to the Conclave by automobile, please notify the Conclave Director. Garage accommodations will be provided near the hotel if he is notified.

List of *Delegates* and *Alternates* of 1926 Conclave at Richmond, Virginia

CHAPTER	DELEGATE	ALTERNATE
Alabama Alpha.....	Rodney G. Carter.....	L. A. McGraw
Arkansas Alpha.....	Wade B. Anderson.....	John T. Parker
California Alpha.....	Hugh Slayden.....	James Corley
Colorado Alpha.....	Walter E. Booth.....	Henry Lindsley
Colorado Beta.....	Donald Van Horn Mullins.....	Robert B. Faerber
Colorado Delta.....	A. S. MacArthur.....	Truman E. Clark
Colorado Gamma.....	L. V. Toyne.....	Otto B. Kayser
Delaware Alpha.....	Earle E. Weggenmann.....	J. Francis Neide
D. of C. Alpha.....	W. J. Kerlin.....	D. Milton Ladd
Florida Alpha.....	E. A. Clayton.....	Huber C. Hurst
Georgia Alpha.....	J. N. Barrett.....	Alfred Law, Jr.
Illinois Alpha.....	J. M. Mitchem.....	E. W. Clark
Indiana Alpha.....	John A. Davis.....	E. E. Elder
Iowa Alpha.....	Arthur Bloomquist.....	Denis Jones
Iowa Beta.....	Paul J. Slegel.....	Kenneth Fry
Iowa Gamma.....	Dennis Barker.....	Phillip Walker
Kansas Alpha.....	Arthur E. Fulton.....	Raymond A. Miller
Kansas Beta.....	George Yandell.....	Verne W. Boyd
Kansas Gamma.....	Ernest S. Hampton.....	George S. Tinsley
Massachusetts Alpha.....	Carlton Hodson.....	Henry Bailey Trull
Michigan Alpha.....	Stanley E. Dimond.....	Wm. J. Weinman
Minnesota Alpha.....	Earl H. A. Isensee.....	Carroll S. Geddes
Missouri Alpha.....	Glenn C. Smith.....	Clyde Smith
Montana Alpha.....	John C. Dimond.....	Wm. Cowan
Nebraska Alpha.....	Donald D. Elliott.....	W. K. Swanson
New Hampshire Alpha.....	Jairus S. H. Allis.....	G. Russell Blanchard
New York Alpha.....	John G. Humpleby.....	Theodore Bonney
New York Beta.....	Roger W. Jones.....	Lee J. Skinner
North Carolina Beta.....	A. F. Dougherty.....	J. M. Faircloth
North Carolina Delta.....	Taylor Bledsoe.....	Wm. E. Hunt
North Carolina Gamma.....	Nat S. Crews.....	Robt. C. Howie
Ohio Alpha.....	George A. Rice.....	Robert Wilson
Ohio Epsilon.....	R. L. Bartholomew.....	Richard A. Trippier
Ohio Gamma.....	Robert R. Gilbert.....	Albert S. Porter
Oklahoma Alpha.....	Raymond D. Shannon.....	
Oregon Alpha.....	Maurice E. Kinsey.....	Burton S. Hutton
Oregon Beta.....	Ronald C. Sellers.....	Herbert Brooks

Pennsylvania Delta.....	Carl W. Gsand.....	James W. White
Pennsylvania Epsilon.....	Edwin M. Oswald.....	Joseph L. Grimm
Pennsylvania Eta.....	M. I. Allen.....	H. B. Brown
Pennsylvania Theta.....	Earl F. Boebel.....	
Tennessee Alpha.....	Cyril J. Smith.....	Luther B. Bewley
Vermont Alpha.....	Henry L. MacIntire.....	Wayne F. Lawrence
Vermont Beta.....	Irving Keene.....	Hamilton Jones
Virginia Alpha.....	T. Ryland Sanford.....	R. B. Cheatham
Virginia Delta.....	J. E. Zollinger.....	E. H. Williams
Virginia Epsilon.....	R. B. Thomas.....	J. B. Clower, Jr.
Virginia Eta.....	W. H. Hall.....	Francis A. Snidow
Virginia Zeta.....	D. J. Dorey.....	C. C. Mason
Washington Alpha.....	Stanley Young.....	Gerald Dixon
Washington Beta.....	Geo. L. Dickinson.....	George C. Guttormsen
West Va. Beta.....	Daniel T. D'Aiuto.....	Mathew M. Ralsten
Wisconsin Alpha.....	Lester Bayer.....	Karl Bayer
Wisconsin Beta.....	Lawrence O. Moe.....	E. Dee Ingold

ALUMNI CHAPTERS

Twin City Alumni.....	John J. Craig.....
Detroit Alumni.....	Fred A. Price.....

Acknowledgment

THE Richmond Alumni wish to acknowledge many kindnesses extended the Fraternity toward the success of the "Silver Jubilee Conclave."

The City of Richmond

Mayor

Board of Aldermen and Council

The Albermarle Paper Company

The Richmond Chamber of Commerce

The State Department of Agriculture

The Virginia State Chamber of Commerce

The Richmond Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad

The Harris-Woodson Company (Cigars)

The Standard Oil Company

The American Tobacco Company (Lucky Strike)

The R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company (Camels)

Conclave Headquarters Located at the Jefferson Hotel

ROOM RATES

Single rooms overlooking the court (no bath), \$2.50 per day.

Double rooms overlooking the court (no bath), \$4.50 \$5.00 and \$6.00 per day.

Single rooms overlooking the court with bath, \$3.50 per day.

Double rooms overlooking the court with bath, \$5.00 to \$7.00 per day.

Single outside rooms (no bath), \$3.00 per day.

Double outside rooms (no bath), \$5.00 and \$6.00 per day.

Single outside rooms with bath, \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00 per day.

Double outside rooms with bath, \$7.00 to \$10.00 per day.

All desiring rooms during the Conclave should make reservations as quickly as possible, either direct with the hotel or through the Central Office.

Important Announcement

ALL who are representing a Chapter either as delegate or alternate must have credentials properly executed. These credentials must be signed by the chapter president and secretary, and bear the impression of the chapter seal.

The delegate must bring his credential with him and present it, in per-

son, to the credentials committee immediately upon arrival.

All who attend the Conclave are requested to complete the form printed below and have it ready to present at the Registration Desk, with the railroad convention certificate. By doing this you will save time for the registration committee and yourself.

SILVER JUBILEE CONCLAVE SIGMA PHI EPSILON FRATERNITY

Registration Number.....

Name..... Chapter.....

Address

Classification: { ☐ National Officer ☐ Alternate
☐ Delegate—Active Chapter ☐ Visitor
☐ Delegate—Alumni Chapter

Attach Railroad Convention Certificate to this.

Announcement will be made at Conclave where and when to retrieve same.



Virginia Country Club—Part of the course with club house in background. Guest cards for those who desire. Headquarters Ladies' Auxiliary of Richmond Alumni Chapter.

GOLF or cowpasture pool will be one of the features of the Conclave. Richmond abounds in or, rather, is surrounded by, a number of most attractive golf courses laid out overlooking the beautiful James or among the original fortifications which were constructed during and made famous by the war between the states.

Preparations are being made for a handicap tournament, to be participated in by would-bes, has-beens, and the are-nows—golfers, famous or infamous; so bring along your paraphernalia or whatever it is you might use in this connection, including your best driver and a fairly good putter and be prepared to do your derndest.

If you are interested in the tournament, send your handicap with entry for match to Frank G. Louthan, 401 American National Bank Building, Richmond, Virginia, by or before the twenty-fifth of August. Announcement of the players and the time of tournament will be made at the opening session of the Conclave. Attractive trophies will be provided for the winners. It will not be practical to arrange the tournament unless the entries are in prior to the opening of the Conclave.

Special privileges will be secured for those visitors who are too good for the tournament, so bring your sticks any way as you will undoubtedly have a chance to swat the pill while in Richmond.

ROADS leading into Richmond are all in good condition and while not all paved are good hard surface and good in any weather.

Traffic signs in Virginia are rigidly enforced.

The speed limit of the state is thirty-five miles per hour. In Richmond twenty-five miles per hour.

All railroad crossings, slow down to five miles per hour.

No labels, stickers or banners that are not transparent are permitted on the front windshield or rear window.

In Richmond cars must turn around only at intersections. In other words do not attempt to turn around in the middle of the square as is done in some places.

Watch parking signs. Signs in Richmond mean what they say.

There are lots of motorcycle mounted police and also several police who patrol the town in ordinary looking cars.

Convention Railroad Certificates

THE following letter is submitted as an explanation of the certificate plan, a plan under which it is possible for the railroads to allow a reduced rate. Attention of delegates is called to the fact that should we receive the benefit of such a fare delegates who did not get such a certificate will be allowed only a fare and a half regardless of the distance traveled and whether by train or automobile. Accordingly all delegates who are going to use the train must not forget to get from the local railroad agent the convention certificate. It is suggested that delegates and others give their local agent a few days notice so that all arrangements may be made satisfactory to all concerned.

"Purchase a one-way ticket to Richmond the reduced fare authorized for this meeting, delegates should proceed as follows:

"Purchase a one-way ticket to Richmond, Va., at the regular tariff fare, and obtain from ticket agent, in con-

nection therewith, a certificate-receipt to be filled out by agent and signed by purchaser. The railroad ticket agents have these certificates in stock and furnish them upon request to passengers attending authorized meetings.

"The certificate-receipts will be collected by the Secretary during the meeting, signed by him, vised by the Special Agent for the railroads, and returned to the original holders, who will then present them to the railroad ticket agents at Richmond and purchase one way tickets back to their original starting points (via same route as used on going trip), at *one-half* of the regular one way fare. Passengers will thus obtain the benefit of the reduced rate of fare and one-half for the round trip.

"Do not fail to obtain certificate from ticket agent when purchasing going ticket.

"Do not fail to have this certificate properly executed at meeting and presented to agent when purchasing ticket back to starting point."



Broad Street Station—Where the Silver Jubilee Committee will meet you if you arrive by train

Directory of Grand Officers of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity

Fraternity Founded 1901, Chartered Under the Laws
of the State of Virginia, 1902

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